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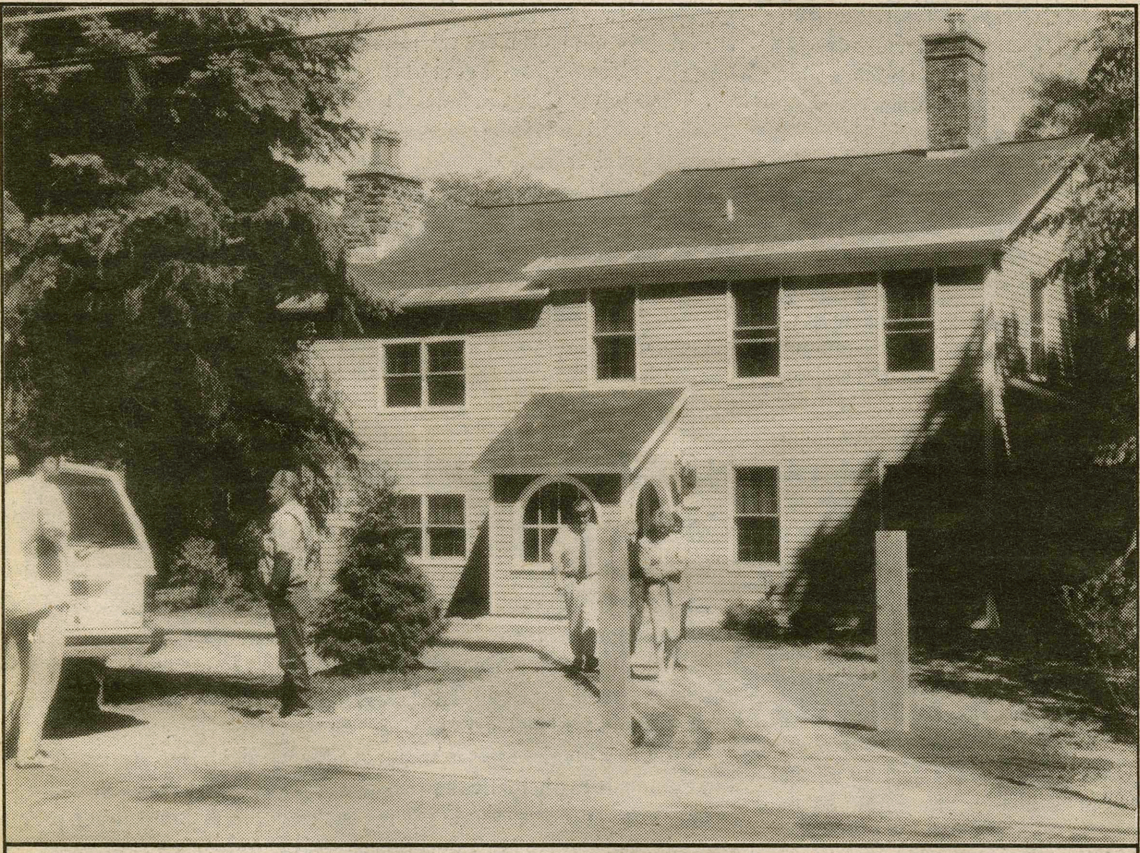

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The Saunders House is one of four new residence halls to open on campus this year. Visitors toured the house last week prior to the arrival of students.

Hamilton opens new residence halls

More than 150 students living in Rogers, Saunders, TDX, Farmhouse

By Gabriel Meyer '96
Editor-in-Chief

Students returning to the hill this week were greeted by new residence halls, social spaces, and altered landscaping. Among the new additions are four residence halls, including the Rogers Estate and the Saunders House, and several renovated and newly opened social spaces.

Most of these additions were created as part of The Report of the Committee on Residential Life. Released last March after more than two years of study, the report outlined sweeping changes for Hamilton's system of residential life, including an end to private housing for fraternities and sororities, and a requirement that all students live in college-owned housing. The changes were made in an effort to better integrate social and academic life at Hamilton.

Of the new housing, President Eugene Tobin said, "It is unquestionably some of the most interesting, innovative and exciting housing anywhere in the U.S." He expressed his hope that it will further encourage interaction among students and faculty. The new housing, he said, is conducive to informal social gatherings.

"It addresses the issue of equity," he noted. Until last year, fraternity members had access to private housing while sororities did not.

The four new residence halls—the Rogers Estate, the former Theta Delta Chi House (TDX), Root Farmhouse, and the Saunders House, were converted into student housing over the summer. They provide beds for more than 150 students.

The recently acquired Rogers Estate was the subject of a zoning dispute and a variance needed for its conversion into a residence hall was not approved until May. In addition to the new residence halls, the Griffin Road Apartments underwent limited renovations.

Each of the new residence halls feature fully remodeled rooms, new furniture, and eating facilities. The Rogers Estate features accommodations for guests of the college who will be able to live and interact with the full time student residents. TDX houses a new social facility in its basement which will be available for use by all student groups and organizations.

Students living in TDX and the Rogers Estate take part in a new satellite dining program. They eat lunch at McEwen or Commons dining halls, but dinner is provided in their residence halls. Students living in the Saunders House, Griffin Road, and Root Farmhouse may cook for themselves and are only required to participate in Hamilton's Common Meal Plan, which provides five meals per week.

Some students feel that although the new residence halls needed renovations, the construction activity took away much of their character and charm. Several residents of the Saunders House reported a visitor touring the house exclaim, "It's a shame what they've done to this place."

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Bobby Fong encourages greater student-faculty interaction

New Dean of Faculty assumes post

By Scott Kocher '97
Associate News Editor

A nationally recognized leader in curricular development and reform, Bobby Fong assumed his new position as Dean of the Faculty at Hamilton College in July. His appointment follows an extensive national search to succeed the former dean Eugene M. Tobin, who was named President of the College in December 1993.

"Bobby Fong is an individual of great integrity, scholarly vision, and personal compassion," said Tobin, following Fong's appointment. "His creative energy and dedication to the liberal arts will strengthen Hamilton's identification with academic rigor and intellectual excellence."

A native of Oakland, California, Dean Fong did his undergraduate work at Harvard and received his Ph.D. in English from UCLA. Following completion of his doctorate, he taught for eleven years at Berea College, where he served as Chair of the Department of English, before joining the faculty and administration of Hope College as Dean of the Arts of Humanities from 1989 until 1994.

As Dean of the Faculty at Hamilton, Fong explained, he has two primary obligations; overseeing personnel development and curriculum management. Personnel development involves overseeing Hamilton's tenure policy, supporting the faculty for paid and unpaid leaves of absence, working out the details of retirement, addressing the issue of affirmative action in hiring new faculty members, ensuring a rich mix of

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Food service cooks up a new eating atmosphere

Bon Appétit takes over Hamilton's dining services

By Joe November'97
Associate News Editor

Upon entering McEwen dining hall and seeing its new decor, one senior exclaimed, "My God, it's like the Congo in here!" Although most student reactions to the arrival of Hamilton's new dining service, Bon Appétit, were not as dramatic, everyone noticed the changes in the atmosphere and the foods of the two dining halls.

Why Bon Appétit?

According to Betsy Espe, Director of Contract and Auxiliary Service, the administration decided last year to reevaluate its food service, Hallmark, to see if it was meeting the needs of the Hamilton community. In the end it was decided that Hallmark was not meeting the needs of the students and that new options had to be explored. The most promising such option was to replace Hallmark with a California based firm called Bon Appétit.

"We want Hamilton to become the showcase for the best food service on the East Coast," were the words which Fedele Bauccio, Bon Appétit's C.E.O., used to describe his company's objective at Hamilton during an interview. Bauccio added, "I want the students to know that Bon Appétit will go out of its way to meet their needs." Bauccio stressed that Bon Appétit has always competed against industry standards by always using fresh ingredients and making food purely from scratch.

Both Bauccio and Espe stated that the College and Bon Appétit have long range plans for the dining facilities which include adding gas stoves and renovating Commons.

Although Hamilton has changed its dining service, one will be greeted by many of last year's food servers and technicians when

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Convocation marks the start of Hamilton College's 184th year

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hamilton College marked the beginning of its 184th year with Convocation on Sunday evening. A near capacity crowd of students, faculty, and other guests attended the event in Wellin Hall, which included addresses by President Eugene Tobin and Dean of the Faculty Bobby Fong, as well as the announcement of awards and prizes.

Following a call to order, an invocation by College Chaplain Janna Roche, and the singing of "America," President Tobin, Dean Fong, and Dean of Student Jan Coates welcomed the Class of 1999.

In his address entitled "I am a Part of All That I Have Met," President Tobin focused upon the evolution and shortcomings of liberal arts education on the fiftieth anniversary of President Harry Truman's creation of a special commission to study the role of higher education in the United States.

Truman's commission set three goals for the country's system of higher education. These included "education for a fuller realization of democracy in every phase of living," "education directly and explicitly for international understanding," and "application of creative imagination and trained intelligence to the solution of social problems and to the administration of public affairs."

"I believe that our record in these three areas is adequate but not distinguished," Tobin said. "Our colleges and universities do not serve themselves, our nation, or the world unless we serve as centers of independent thought, unless we demand the open pursuit of truth, unless we guarantee the protection of minority, dissenting, and critical views, all of which are features of a democratic society."

Tobin discussed higher education's role in the country. It must, he said, "maintain rigorous academic standards" for the benefit of the rest of society. Though few individuals want to be judged by more demanding standards, he observed, higher education is a vital force in promoting societal excellence.

Noting declining standards of oral and written communication, Tobin observed, "Using language

> "Let us remember that genuine learning crosses all boundaries and disciplines."
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> *-President Tobin*

persuasively, effectively and responsibly in writing and speaking is a vanishing craft and an endangered resource."

He urged Hamilton's faculty to place greater emphasis on speaking skills through a greater use of oral examinations and presentations. Knowledge of a second language, he said, should be acquired by all students. "We Americans make a grave mistake if we assume that the struggle of the world's people to master their own language and ours excuses us Americans from a similar obligation to become comfortable with different languages and cultures," Tobin said. He described a recent trip he made to China with a group of college presidents, where his hosts "demonstrated and admirable facility with English," and urged the students of the Class of 1999 to seriously consider studying abroad during their years at Hamilton in order to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the world.

Tobin also addressed the values of citizenship in the community. Noting the often overlooked abilities of students as community servants, he announced, "I am asking the Dean of the Faculty and the appropriate faculty committees to review the College's policy with respect to credit-bearing internships, and to consider how Hamilton's strong commitment to teaching excellence can strengthen the relationship between scholarship and service."

"Let us remember that genuine learning crosses all boundaries and disciplines," he said as he concluded his address, invoking the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem Ulysses, "I am a part of all that I have met . . ."

In his address "Liberal Education as Rehearsal," recently arrived Dean of the Faculty Bobby Fong, spoke of the notion of a liberal arts education as a rehearsal for all that follows in life. He implored the members of the Class of 1999 to use their years at Hamilton to explore various fields of study and he recounted his own college experience in which he was a pre-med student.

To the faculty, Fong said, "We need to remember what it is like to come to college with dreams that may fade in the light of common day, and help our students assess those dreams realistically while holding them gently."

Fong also discussed the importance of doxa, a Greek word for opinion. He emphasized the need for students to listen to their peers of opposite opinions and said, "Our College must model ways to negotiate differences constructively."

Following Fong's and Tobin's addresses, Convocation concluded with the singing of "Carissima."

News Briefs

-compiled by Matt Nolan '98

Four fraternities file lawsuit against Hamilton

Responding to the terms of the Resedential Life Study, released last spring, four of Hamilton's sevenfraternities have filed suit in federal court charging the school with violations of federal anti-trust laws.

Filed July 10,1995 in federal court in Albany, the suit seeks to prohibit the College from restricting students to living in on campus housing, and using campus regulated dining services. The complaint alleges that the College is attempting to monopolize the market for food and resedential services at Hamilton. This is a charge that, if judged to be relevant, would be a violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act which prohibits such behavior.

The next court date is set for September 11, when Judge Rosemary Pooler will be asked to rule on a restraining order, being sought by the fraternities, which would block implementation of the The Report of the Committee on Residential Life.

Hamilton faculty duo recognized for Computer Science course

Professor of Computer Science Stuart Hirschfield, and Associate Professor of Computer Science Richard Decker were recently recognized by a national organisation, Project Kaleidoscope for their creation of an introductory level course entitled "The Analytical Engine: An introduction to Computer Science for Non-Majors."

Project Kaleidoscope, a national alliance dedicated to excellence in undergraduate mathematics and science education, cited the course as one of its ten "Programs That Work." The course and the accompanying program also received the Higher Education Software Award for Best Curriculum Innovation in Laboratory Science in 1990 from EDUCOM.

The course includes an integrated package of laboratory exercises and textbook materials which give the introductory course a lab-base. In recognizing the course the group cited the effective usage of a laboratory component as a distinguishing factor.

Tobin travels with delegation of educational leaders to China

Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin was one of nine U.S. educational leaders who recently travelled to China and Hong Kong to meet with university presidents and government officials. Focusing on recent reform movements in China, Tobin and other members of the delgation also met with faculty members and students at various universities.

Among topics discussed during the two week trip where issues of attracting and retaining students, curricular concerns, and building endowments. The potential for exchange programs between several of the schools was also discussed.

Other schools with representatives in the delegation included Harvey Mudd College, Bunker Hill Community College, Colorado College, and Clark Atlanta University.

Fong praised by faculty and administration

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intellectual and cultural diversity, and supervising initiation into Hamilton's faculty.

Fong's primary challenge in curriculum management will be to review in detail all of the College's requirements for graduation, including the ethical issues and cultural diversity requisites, first-year writing seminars, senior projects, and the writing-intensive requirement. He also will be investigating the possible implementation of a language requirement, which is currently under review.

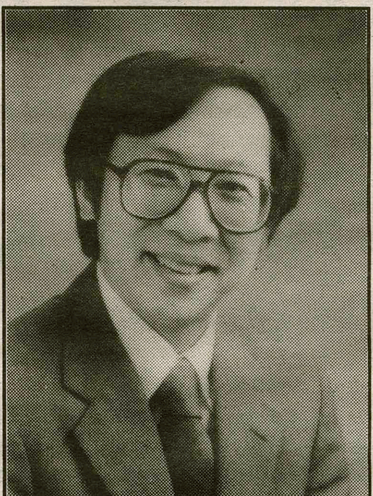
Fong describes himself as "self-consciously dedicated to liberal arts colleges." In keeping with this commitment, he believes that faculty-student interaction is vital to a liberal arts education. "Every student should have the opportunity to know a professor well. But it is often difficult for professors to initiate contact outside of classes." Because of this, Fong urges students to actively seek friendships among the Hamilton faculty, in order to combine more personal relationships with academic and intellectual pursuits. Fong will be encouraging interaction during dining hours by making the "common meal" a more popular and exciting part of College life.

An important concern to faculty and administrators in academic circles is the implicit threat of "publish or perish." Faculty members, Fong explains, have vast opportunities to pursue independent work, from scientific research and academic publications to theatrical and musical performances. "Professors should be vitally engaged in their discipline." However, Fong makes it clear that at Hamilton, teaching is still the foremost obligation of the faculty.

In his convocation speech on Sunday, Fong explained that "Liberal education is an induction into how notions of the true, the good, and the beautiful can be examined and in the light of reason and of sympathy be affirmed, or revised, or discarded. . . . It is a rehearsal for dealing with differences among human beings, and the requisite arts of listening, understanding, persuading, and peacemaking are among the most important intellectual skills and virtues we in the academy are called upon to master."

In the coming months, Fong will develop further Hamilton's curriculum to reflect these opportunities for intellectual rehearsal. He supports President Tobin's call for an increased emphasis on rhetoric, including student debates and open discourse of ideas in classes. "Disagreement," Fong asserts, "is at the heart of academic life."

First impressions of Bobby Fong as Dean of the Faculty were highly favorable. One professor who had spoken with Fong explained that behind his gentle manner, he has an unparalleled strength of character.



Bobby Fong

"Bobby has the rare ability to listen intently and deliberately to others," another said, "and to respond with a keen understanding of where they're coming from." *The Spectator* wishes Dean Fong good luck and a smooth transition into his new career at Hamilton.

Jitney Announcement

The Jitney Service will be starting up on **Friday, Sept. 1** However, due to a small staff we are unable to have complete service at this time. The Jitney will run **Friday untill 12am, Saturday 12-6pm and Sunday 12-9pm.** Sorry for the inconvenience. If you are interested in driving call Christine at x0599. Must have a license for 3 years with no moving violations.

New housing completed after summer of major construction activity

PHOTO BY GABRIEL MEYER '96

A news crew from Utica toured the the College's new Residence Halls last week with President Eugene Tobin. Here, a cameraman films the Saunders House.

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The Campus Information Network, set to be activated later this month, will be extended to the new residence halls.

Off campus housing

Though The Report of the Committee on Residential Life mandates that all students live on campus, 80 seniors live off campus this year, according to Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz. This figure is down from the more than 200 students who lived off campus last year. Once the College acquires fraternity houses to convert into residence halls, on campus housing will be available for all students.

"The things they liked about living downtown we can now create on campus," said Kantrowitz. The new Pub, slated to open next semester near Beinecke Village, as well as other new social facilities, she said, will provide a more exciting on campus environment.

Speedy Construction

Much of the construction and renovation activity over the summer was carried out at a breakneck pace. Because of the short construction timetable allowed by the March release of the residential life report, most of the work was contracted using a design-build method rather than a customary competitive bidding process.

Though the College might have realized a small savings off the $3.5 million cost of the new residence halls through competitive bidding, Vice President of Administration and Finance Dan O'Leary said that the design-build alternative was most effective.

The work done over the summer would not have been completed during the summer if a competitive bidding process had been used, said O'Leary. This would have necessitated the use of temporary modular housing units for some students. "We didn't think they were acceptable," he said.

The most expensive of the new residence halls was the TDX house, requiring $1.125 million in repairs and renovations. The Rogers Estate cost slightly more than $1 million while the Saunders House and Root Farmhouse each ran less than a half million dollars.

Work on the new social spaces, some of which are not yet completed, was contracted through a competitive bidding process. Its total cost is estimated at $300 thousand. The new pub is expected to cost $350 thousand.

News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Alexandra Walker '99

August 29, 1995 Paris

In response to Monday's shelling of a Sarajevo market that killed 37 and wounded over 80, Western powers decided Wednesday to take military action against Bosnian Serb targets. The decision follows the conclusion of Lt. Gen. Rupert Smith, commander of the UN troops in Bosnia, that the attack was the responsibility of the Bosnian Serbs. Strong retaliation is seen as the only way for the Western powers to maintain credibility and defend safe areas.

August 29, 1995 United Nations

Experts on nuclear programs said Tuesday that they do not believe Iraq would have had the ability to produce a nuclear weapon in 1991 as the country's president, Saddam Hussein, had claimed. UN inspectors were told by Iraqi officials that an April 1991 target date had been set as a target date for the building of a nuclear bomb, but that the Persian Gulf War had interrupted their plans. At the time of the announcement, many arms control experts who believe the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna has never had strict enough investigations on Iraqi nuclear programs were alarmed. Experts now say, however, that while Iraq's nuclear program, while "far from dead," is not strong enough to produce the over 40 pounds of weapons grade uranium it needs to complete a bomb.

August 29, 1995 Huairo, China

In the final days of preparation for the forum for nongovernmental organizations, a conference that parallels the Fourth World Conference on Women, many participants are receiving strong messages from the Chinese government that they are not welcome in China. Many of the women, who have flown in from around the world, have had their rooms checked by men with walkie-talkies who claim that they are picking up laundry. As the conference approaches, the Chinese Security Agency has made more attempts to set up administrative hurdles by passing limitations on public expression and conducting massive violent crackdowns on crime, leading many of the women to feel responsible for the imprisonment and murder of men.

National News Briefs

--compiled by Alexandra Walker '99

San Antonio, Texas

In a custody battle in San Antonio, Judge Samuel C. Kisner threatened to revoke Martha Laureano's custody of her five year old daughter if she continues to speak Spanish to her. He stated that by not speaking English, Ms. Laureano was "relegating [her daughter] to the position of housemaid." The comments were part of a divorce case in which the father requested unsupervised visitation rights. Hispanic groups stirred opposition to his remarks, causing the court to release a written statement modifying Kiser's words, stating that the mother should make every effort to ensure that her daughter be fluent in English.

Stamford, Connecticut

New studies find that needle sharing among drug users fell 40 percent following a 1992 Connecticut law permitting the selling of syringes without a prescription. The nine states that require prescriptions to buy and possess syringes include the states with the largest incidence of AIDS among drug users. Connecticut's law legalizes over the counter selling of syringes and possession of syringes, with a limit of 10 syringes in a non-prescription purchase.

Pontiac, Michigan

Lawyers for Dr. Jack Kevorkian will argue that murder charges for two 1991 suicides with which Kevorkian assisted should be dismissed. The decision follows a 5 to 2 ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court stating that in the absence of state law, assisted suicide be prosecuted as a "common-law felony." Kevorian's lawyers argue that their client can not be charged for the murder of two people who voluntarily committed suicide in front of friends and family while the prosecutor says that Kevorkian violated a murder statute. Dr. Kevorkian has never denied having assisted in the suicides of Marjorie Wantz and Sherry Miller.

27 first years living in former DKE House

College signs one-year lease

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Faced with a potential housing crunch created by an unexpectedly large first year class, the College was forced to negotiate a last minute lease of the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. Following several days of repair work, 27 first year students moved into the temporary residence hall facility.

Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz said that the College negotiated a one year lease agreement with the the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity only five days before members of the first year class arrived for orientation. The fraternity was banned from using their house following the release of the The Report of the Committee on Residential Life last March.

The incoming Class of 1999 numbers nearly 500 students, over 20 more than had been anticipated. In past instances when a large incoming class has created a housing crunch, some residence halls have been assigned extra occupants.

This year, with the DKE house unoccupied, the College was able to make alternative arrangements. "We felt it was important not to crowd people," said Kantrowitz. "So we held true to that promise."

Because repairs and renovations of the DKE house were carried out on short notice, students assigned to live there had to spend their first days of orientation living in the guest rooms of Bristol Campus Center.

Renovations of the DKE house included new carpeting for the hallways, new wiring, fresh paint, and a thorough cleaning. "We ensured that the house would meet all safety and fire codes," said Kantrowitz. She praised Hamilton's Physical Plant staff for their efforts to prepare the house for the arrival of students on a few days notice.

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high in the 70's. Lows near 50.

Sunday: Clear with highs in the mid 70's. Lows in the 50's.

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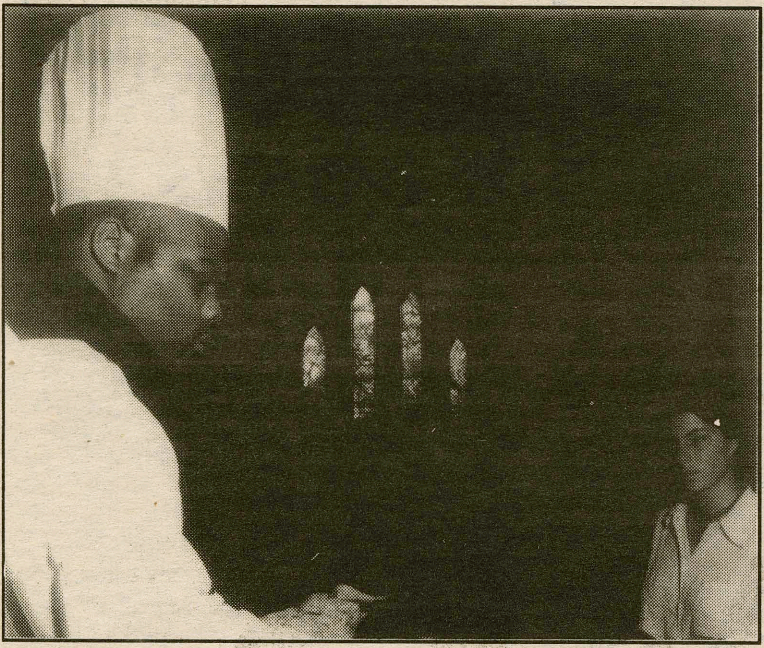

PHOTO BY NICK SCHUTZ '96

Chef Theodore Gray serves up food from A View of the World.

New food service feeds the College

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one enters the dining halls. For instance, Judith Hogan who has worked in Hamilton dining facilities for 13 years is back at Hamilton with Bon Appétit. According to Hogan, "Bon Appétit is making a smooth transition," and in her opinion, "The quality of the food is better."

A new look and new hours

The affects of Bon Appétit's arrival at Hamilton range far beyond adding a botanical touch to the dining halls, which incidentally were renamed "The Cafe Commons" and "McEwen Bistro." To begin with, the hours have been extended to the point where it is possible to get a meal from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in both dining halls during weekdays. It should be noted, however, that on weekends, Commons is not opened until 11:00 a.m. (which drew a limited amount of criticism). The Diner is essentially open all day and takes cash equivalency at almost all times during the day, including normal mealtimes.

Returning students were also greeted by a fundamental change in the way food is distributed in both the dining halls and the diner. Unlike last year, where students would line up in the cafeteria and help themselves to unlimited portions, students are served by cafeteria workers as they proceed through the different sections of the cafeteria lines.

Due to the Common Meal initiated by the school in the Residential Life Study, Bundy dining hall has been closed and will serve as a recreational area for the student body.

Lines, lines, lines

While the new method of serving students rather than letting them serve themselves may be more economical, it has led to several problems such as really long lines. One frustrated student described the food service as "damned slow" in reference to the 20 minutes he spent in line waiting for food. In fact, the lines seemed to the biggest general complaint among students.

According to Hogan, the long lines are caused by a delay in the "reading" of mealcards due to confusion about the different meal plans offered by the school. Hogan went on to say that the once students get out of the "11:30 to 12:00 lunch" mindset and start taking advantage of the new hours, the lines will die down.

The Diner has also become the site of long queues which especially frustrate students who are used to grabbing something to eat on the run. The reason for the long lines at the diner is that the diner is currently a sit-down restaurant complete with waiters and waitresses. The good news is that the economically shrewd will notice that one can now get the equivalent of $5.00 of food and drinks in the Diner at dinnertime by using a mealcard.

Reactions to Bon Appétit

The student reaction to the Bon Appétit has been mainly positive. Agreeing with the majority of his peers, Shawkat Ali '97 said, "The food is much better than last year." Another student remarked , "This is the best salad I've ever had here." Despite the long lines, most students interviewed seemed happier with the new food and the new hours but almost everyone had a complaint as well. For instance, one student said, "the people serving us are a bit surly," while another said that he felt intimidated about going back for second helpings. Many students also seemed to miss the smaller drinking glasses that were replaced by larger plastic cups. In anticipation of student uneasiness about the new dining service, Bon Appétit has put suggestion boxes in both Commons and McEwen and plans to work with the student body in order to accommodate Hamilton's tastes. If you have questions or comments about food service please fill out a comment form (found in the dining halls) or email Bon Appétit at bonappet@itsmail1.hamilton.edu or Betsy Espe at bespe@itsmail1.hamilton.edu

Campus network nearly ready to go

Rapid installation of network completed during summer

PETER GASTON '99
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton was once just a small outpost on the information superhighway, with access to the campus network limited to computers in public labs. Within the coming weeks, a new campus-wide network will go live and bring electronic traffic into every dorm room and office.

The network is expected to provide students with 24 hour access to not only on campus library information, but electronic mail (email), educational resources around the globe, the World Wide Web, and USENET news. With the proper computer and hardware, students will be able to access these resources.

Rarely does a college or university link its entire campus to a brand new system all at once, according to David Smallen, Director of Information Technology Services (ITS), the entity that runs Hamilton's computer system. "Once it goes live, the Hamilton system will be something that does not exist anywhere else," he said.

In addition to on line research capabilities, the new system will be essential for communication on campus, said Smallen. Faculty and students will use the network to facilitate communication outside of the classroom where scheduling conflicts often make face to face meetings hard to plan. Communication could occur through what Smallen called "virtual study groups" in which faculty and students could post their views on topics via email and respond at their own leisure. In addition, a professor could post a question for his or her class.

"Fundamentally, the network is a communication vehicle, and it is always beneficial to explore a new avenue to communicate," said Smallen.

Students and faculty can access the network with a personal computer and an appropriate network adapter available through the Bookstore individually or packaged with new computers. The adapter connects to a port in one of the many white boxes that have been installed in dorm rooms, offices, and several campus lounges. The network allows for the transmission of data at a speed 500 times the speed of the average modem.

Although two-thirds of students and 80 to 90 percent of faculty currently use email, the network will open doors to new tools and resources which may be unfamiliar to many. In light of this, and the fact that 200 to 300 students will be ready to connect to the network as soon as it becomes active, ITS restructured itself over the summer to include the Educational Services Department, directed by Lisa Rogers and Frank Price and staffed by four student interns.

Educational Services will teach the community how to reap the benefits of the network through workshops that will be held in public computer labs and in residence halls, and through written guides and through videos.

Students seem excited about the capabilities of the new network. "I'm looking forward to using email from my room. You save a lot of money on stamps," said Sean Fay '98.

"I love being able to check up on my favorite sports teams through the Internet and the World Wide Web," added Matt Kane '99.

Creating a campus network so rapidly was a bold step, and Smallen feels that it will have immediate benefits. "Comprehensiveness–that's behind it," he said. "It was not only the next logical step, but the most important step to make information technology much more widespread."

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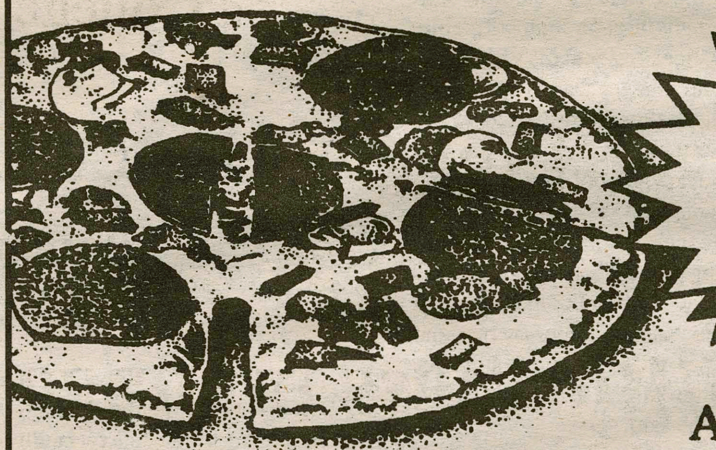

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Are we feelin' groovy?
On trends, politics, Generation X

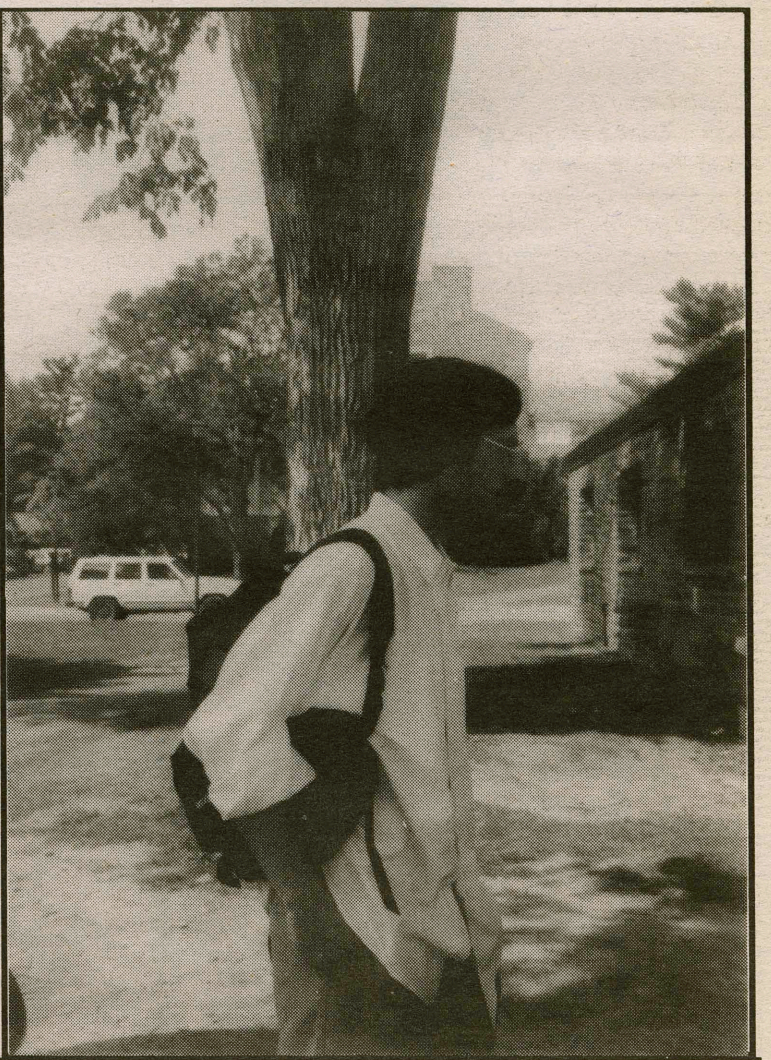
By Emily Valle '96
Features Editor

For those among us who cringe while looking through our parents' old photo albums, horrified by the colors, collars and hems of the sixties and seventies, the past few years of fashion represent a bad trip in Brady Bunch land. From runways in Paris to Martin's Way in Beineke Village, platform shoes, bellbottoms, A-line dresses and side-burns have infiltrated this once-predominantly preppie campus.

Interestingly, retro style appears to have become a statement of sorts for "Generation X". While few parents or older siblings rush to retrieve their polyester pant-suits from the attic, teens and twenty- something's of diverse economic and social backgrounds flaunt baby-tee's, hair extensions, sundresses and Converse sneakers.

Recent fashion phenomena and their affiliation with segments of American youth could simply denote clever marketing strategies or the fruition of a trend cycle.

However, half-shirts and cut-offs may expose trends of a more symbolic nature than belly rings and tatooed knees. Scholars, critics, and feminists have long examined clothing in light of power, class identification and gender distinction. Could the more traditional, softer look in women's wear reported by the September edition of *Vogue* magazine coincide with the Republican party's conservative agenda? Are young people subtly revealing their own ideological inclinations by adopting the costumes of a more liberal era?



Who is wearing what? Does the strange amalgamation of styles betray a generation's sense of bewilderment in the rapidly changing world?

The sentence "I want to express my individuality" has become the standard defense of many a goatee, yet it is perhaps more realistic to say "I want to express my difference from my parents and grandparents." As once- unique looks shimmer in the folds of catalogues as common as J. Crew, where will true individualists turn?

It is difficult to fathom the social, political, economic, and creative forces which influence something as trivial as our daily wardrobe. But it is probably safe to guess that clothing styles pinpoint an era as surely as its politics, and that there may be a corellation between the two.

Next time you look at President Clinton . . . picture him in a fig leaf.

A view into Hamilton's past

This is an article from the annals of the *Spectator* April 30, 1975.
Colleges Short of Housing
Low Attrition Rate Blamed

21 Men forced into full rooms
Bristol Occupied by 8 women

A serious housing shortage has developed at both colleges as fewer students have opted to take leaves of absences and more have decided to return from leaves than college officials have expected.

At the last count, 21 Hamilton students- sophomores from the spring waiting list and returning students-will have to live in already fully occupied suites in North, South, and Carnegie. The number without rooms was once as high as 60.

Eight Kirkland students will live in the women's dormitory in the Bristol Campus Center, but hopefully the stay will last only a couple of weeks, Director of Residence Noni Scott said.(Dean Bingham decided not to house students in Bristol.)

The total number being inconvenienced at both colleges, when one counts those whose rooms have been used to house the extra students, is over 100.

According to Bingham, the housing crisis has been accepted by most students involved, though obviously with reluctance. A few, however, have given him "veiled threats" that the going will be rough for the person added to their rooms.

Highest Enrollments

The housing crisis is the direct result of the highest enrollments in either college's history. As of Wednesday, Hamilton will have 699 matriculating students on campus, and Kirkland will have 688. Kirkland has a particularly large freshman class at 231.

Hamilton has taken the following steps to try to alleviate the situation:

-faculty have been asked to house students if they can. So far, five places have been offered.

-off campus housing is being encouraged, a reversal of former policy.

-when the situation became evident, the admissions office was told not to admit anyone else, and returning students who were on leave and notified the college after the housing lottery, were told to seek housing off campus. The admissions office did accept four students from the waiting list.

At Kirkland, Director of Residence Scott announced that the following had been done to accomodate the students:

-the guest spaces for six in Root Hall have been assigned to full-time students.

-the first floor lounges in Major, Minor, and Root are being converted into doubles.

Bulletin Board Set

Kirkland has not yet asked its faculty to house students, but Scott said that it may have to do that if expected attrition-enough to relocate those forced to stay in Bristol-does not materialize.

Hamilton, according to Dean of Students R. Gordon Bingham, will set up a bulletin board announcing the latest vacancies. All students involved in the overcrowding are urged to take daily notice of the board.

Also, hoping for no-shows and attrition, Dean Bingham plans to relocate the students living in occupied rooms in the order the crowded normal occupants drew their rooms in the spring lottery. Most of the students who have been asked to accomodate an extra person are seniors. Bingham explained that he imposed upon seniors because they most often have the largest rooms.

Right now, said Bingham, all we can do is assure people tha all is being done to alleviate the situation-and apologize.

The Wallace Johnson House, expected to house 15 students when renovated, will most likely not be ready until late spring 1976, according to Bingham.

Room Rebates

The question of compensation for those in overcrowded rooms is now under discussion by the Hamilton administration. No definite decision has yet been made public, although the question has been discussed by President Caravano, Provost Sidney Wertimer, Jr., Dean of the College W. Lawrence Gulick, and Dean Bingham. Bingham said he expects to converse again with Gulick on the matter.

Gulick, in an interview Thursday, said he is opposed to financial rebates on room charges to the inconvenience students, but added that he is "searching for some way to make those students aware that I am sensitive to the situation."

The dean said he is primarilly concerned with assuring that this problem does not happen again, and is working to set up procedures which will avoid such difficulties in the future. "We are going to work out a clearer statement of policy about withdrawals and returns."

Bad Precedent

He also explained his opposition to room rebates, saying that now all rooms are one price, and by selling space by the room instead of to each student separately would set a bad precedent, under which students in the future could ask for a triple for only two people because they could afford to pay the extra rent.

"My view is that I think the students will have to be asked to grin and bear it," Gulick said.

A Commentary

Marie Follayttar '98
Features Editor

It is interesting that the same problems that occured in 1975 are once again facing Hamilton College, compounded by major changes in residential policy. Twenty-seven first year students are living in the Delta Kappa Epsilon house and during orientation week they lived in Bristol Campus Center. Across campus triples are quads, doubles are triples and one senior who had a double to himself was forced to welcome a roommate into his home. This time the problem was caused by an increase in the matriculating first year class. Although this is positive towards Hamilton's overall image, in light of the recent decision on Residential Life, Hamilton is not equipped to hold the extra 20 members to the Class of 1999. Hopefully, in future years Hamilton's record at anticipating the utilization of space will improve.

FYI: Beware of bee stings

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

While most of us no longer require a night-light, few of us renounce our childhood terror of bees. However, although they are pesky, if treated with caution and respect bees and wasps should not present major problems.

Insects sting to defend themselves from real or perceived attacks. Yellow-jackets and wasps are more aggressive and most easily provoked. Because they have smooth stingers, they can sting more than once, especially if they are trapped under or in clothes. The yellow-jacket is the most likely to cause a severe reaction.

Honeybees are more eventempered and usually will not sting unless disturbed. Because their stinger is barbed, it rips away from the bee and remains imbedded in your skin along with the venom sac. For this reason, the honeybee can only sting once and dies soon after.

The venom from a sting contains histamine and other chemical substances that can produce a variety of local and systemic reactions. Local reactioin can be as mild as a slight pin prick sensation or redness, and swelling and itching at the site of the sting. If the stinger is present, remove it by scraping off the skin in the direction opposite to its entry. Wash the area with soap and water and apply ice. You can also apply a paste made of meat tenderizer (containing papain) and water to inactivate the venom, and take an oral antihistimine such as Benadryl.

Systemic reaction may include generalized hives, nausea and vomiting, a hot, flushed feeling, tightness of the chest and throat, and difficulty breathing. These symptoms are life-threatening and need immediate medical attention.

If you are known to be highly sensitive to bee stings, wear a medic alert bracelet and carry an emergency bee sting kit that contains epinephrine. Ask your health care provider about pre-loaded epi-syringes that you can administer yourself.

The best way to prevent getting stung is to avoid areas that attract bees, such as around garbage containers and wood piles. Keep food covered when eating outdoors, especially soda and beer cans. Perfumes and hairspray will also attract bees.

In the United States, more people die from allergic reactions to stings from bees, wasps, hornets and yellow-jackets than from bites from any other venomous animal. Unfortunaltey, we do not know how sensitive we are until we are stung.

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Cat's Cook Corner

Quickie Cheese Puffs

This is the perfect pick me up for a study break snack. You can keep it on hand for when hungry friends stop by; the cheese mixture can be kept in the fridge for several days.

Ingredients:
8 ounce package grated American cheese, or Velveeta cheese grated
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
1 very small onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
Salt and black pepper
1 loaf "party" rye or pumpernickle

1. Mix all the ingredients, except the bread, in a medium-size bowl. Set aside.
2. Tear a sheet of aluminum foil to fit your toaster oven, and arrange the slices of bread on it., Lightly toast both sides of the bread(one side at a time) in the toaster oven. Watch these closely, because it only takes a minute.(This is an important step, so that the bread will not become soggy.) Allow the bread to cool on the foil.
3. Place 1 heaping teaspoon of the cheese mixture on each slice of bread and spread evenly to the edges.
4. Broil the slices in the toaster oven for about 2 minutes, until the cheese is bubbly and just golden brown. Watch closely, since they burn easily. Serve immediately.

Serves 8-12 people

Watch every week for a new recipe. All recipes can be done with basic equipment, a toaster oven, a blender and a hot pot. If you have these appliances you can then make veritable feasts. Enjoy!

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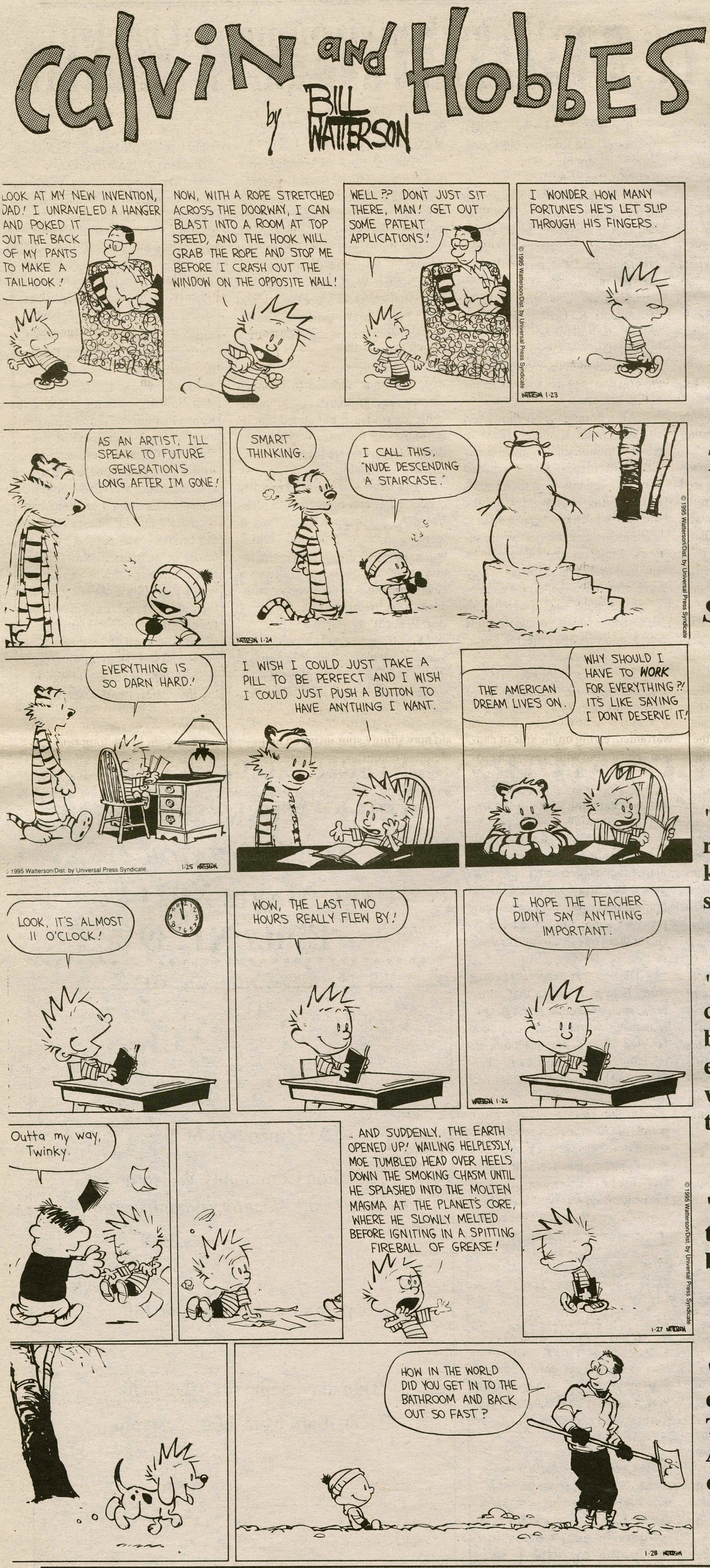

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Okay guys! We can do much better with the quotables if you'll just send them to us at *The Spec*. We'll print them all. It's a great way to embarrass your friends and professors. Send your quotables to *The Spectator* via campus mail. For now, here are some starter quotes-- not from anyone on this campus.

"We journalists don't have to step on roaches. All we have to do is turn on the kitchen light and watch the critters scurry."

-P.J. O'Rourke

"A committee is organic rather than mechanical in its nature: it is not a structure but a plant. It take root in grows, it flowers, and dies, scattering the seed from which other committees will bloom in their turn."

-C. Northcote Parkinson

"We always carry out by committee anything in which any one of us alone would be to reasonable to persist."

-Frank Moore Colby

"October. This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate stocks in. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August, and February."

-Mark Twain

Toxic chemicals, population growth, and environmental racism, dangerous problems the world must confront before it is too late

Peter Kelly

Reasonable Resolutions

Well, I'm back. This year I'm 14 and I'll be continuing my articles on the environment. For those of you who are new to Hamilton (or who didn't read my "Growing Impact" column last year, a forgivable oversight, but one you won't want to repeat this year!), let me acquaint you with the general outlook behind all of my upcoming articles on specific issues.

I guess the most important thing about my approach is that I'm not a big ideologue. To me, being an environmentalist is not ideological; rather, it means that you have a personal goal to actually do more good than harm to the environment. Obviously, it's best to develop good environmental habits while we're still young and before the problems get any worse. But I don't pretend to have any easy answers. If you like political diatribes (right- or left-wing), you won't like my articles. I've got no political axe to grind and no pet schemes to push. Whether we like it or not, we're going to need government regulation in addition to market forces to combat environmental problems. There is no magic bullet—not even population control—that will cure everything. Unfortunately, the environmental movement is increasingly bogged down in polarized debates about priorities and approaches. I think that what we need most of all is a sense of realistic hope and a commitment to practical changes. Clearly, people are not going to change their lifestyles unless environmentalists are consistent and realistic about what the important issues are.

We should honestly admit that some problems are just not as serious as all the talk about "crises" has led people to believe. Take garbage, for instance. Where to put the dump may get people all excited (who wants it down the street?), but it's really a local political problem, not a global ecological crisis. (Of course recycling is a good idea, but mainly for the resources and energy it saves, and the jobs it creates.)

Or consider all the scary publicity about toxic chemicals in the environment. Actually, almost all predictions of the effects of small doses of toxic chemicals are based on an assumption called a "linear dose-response curve." This assumption—that 1/100 or 1/1000 of the dose of a chemical will cause 1/100 or 1/1000 the cases of cancer—sounds reasonable at first. In rodent-model experiments, researchers inject rodents with quantities of a chemical almost high enough to cause sudden death by poisoning, typically a few thousand times more per body weight than humans are exposed to. The cancer in these rodents is formed in a completely different way from cancer in humans: In the rodents, the cancer is initiated as cells near the point of injection reproduce quickly to replace cells killed by the half-poisoning. A quart of whiskey—enough to kill an adult if taken all at once—contains less than one thousand times more alcohol than is in a dose of children's cough syrup, where the chemical has no effect. Scientists now believe only 1-5 percemt of cancers in the U.S. are caused by environmental exposures, and that most of those are from toxins in secondary cigarette smoke or at industrial workplaces.

It may be comforting that environmentalists have too often acted like Chicken Little, but I wouldn't be writing my column unless there were some really serious environmental threats. These include population growth, global warming, the social ills stemming from global income maldistribution, erosion and other forms of degradation of crop/grazing land, the effects of warfare on the environment, and mass extinctions of both flora and fauna.

If we're going to sort out problems like these and develop priorities, we're going to have to make a greater commitment to environmental research. Oddly enough, some environmentalists oppose further study of environmental problems. They see research as a delay tactic, and admittedly, sometimes it is. It was anti-environmentalist Ronald Reagan who advocated more study of acid rain—clearly as a substitute for cutting acid emissions. But we can't afford to give up on research even if the results are maddeningly slow in coming, and even if they show a problem to be less serious than previously thought. While we wait for results, we should use our best guess at how much action is warranted, erring on the side of caution. Not acting while research proceeds implies that we believe not taking action is our best guess.

Some key problems are already well understood, and we can't honestly use lack of information as an excuse for inaction. The terrible environmental toll of poverty in less-developed countries is painfully obvious. We who live in relative luxury in a healthy environment must not forget that 4/5 of our fellow human beings are not so fortunate. Many in less-developed countries live exposed to untreated sewage, unfiltered cheap-coal burning, untreated drinking water, open garbage in the streets, or unventilated wood or dung burning in a hut. Many are forced to knowingly destroy rainforests on steep slopes for a year's food, or to have as many children as they can to insure that some will survive. It's not a pretty picture, and although these squalid scenes may be thousands of miles away, we cannot afford to ignore them.

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Is there anything we can do about desperate poverty in less-developed countries? Foreign aid, while well-intentioned, has often backfired. Food aid may be lost to theft or spoilage, and even if it reaches the poor, it often encourages migration to already overgrown cities. Other aid may simply spur inflation in the recipient countries, or cripple them with debt. Until recently, the World Bank has probably aggravated this situation. The Bank's unique economic status (its bad loans are typically covered by the governments of more-developed countries) gives it disincentives to address concerns other than staff-hours-per-money-moved in its loans. All of this is not an argument to cut back foreign aid. Rather, aid needs to be redirected into smaller loans and grants for projects that pay attention to the local environmental and social conditions. The main obstacles to this redirection are the same as those to many environmental reforms: the appetite of elites for big Western-style projects, and outright denial. The modest successes of population-control programs suggest that it is possible to gain ground, but significantly, little was accomplished until the governments of less-developed countries acknowledged that population growth was a serious threat to development and security.

As you can see, I try to keep a global perspective, because the most acute environmental problems are now in less-developed countries. (This is no cause for complacency. We've surely got our share of problems here too, and our affluent lifestyles are contributing to the problems in less-developed countries.) Sad to say, we Americans are not very good at paying attention to the rest of the world unless we can see an immediate threat to us. People rightly complain about "environmental racism" at home. (The new toxic incinerator is never built in a place like Scarsdale!) But let's face it, abandoning the less-developed countries to environmental degradation is the most insidious form of racism there is...and you can be sure that we'll all pay for this sin in the long run.

I hope these remarks give you a little sense of my perspective. Look for my next article, which will address the bad reputation that radicals have given the environmental movement. Are radicals considering issues irrationally, clinging to scary computer models while ignoring real data, overemphasizing morality, and even trying to cover up environmental success stories—all in an attempt to convince us that consumerism will lead us to doomsday?

VOICEBOX

photos by Nathaniel Schutz '96

What are you looking forward to this fall at Hamilton?

"Watching the sense of community at Hamilton develop." *Megan Rich '99*

"Old Mill." *Charlie Gaetjens '98*

"Not the first snowfall." *Lowey Bundy '96*

"October Break." *Jack Selby '96*

"I'm looking forward to getting a girlfriend–eventually." *Spectator Editor -in- Chief Gabe Meyer '96*

EDITORIALS

A new era begins

This school year marks the beginning of a new era in Hamilton College's history. The results of the Residential Life Study, released last March, have signaled a new course for Hamilton. Not since the merger of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges nearly 20 years ago, has the College undergone such a profound change over the course of one summer. Students returning to the hill this week discovered a dramatically changed environment. Four new residence halls have opened, a vastly improved food service has taken over the dining halls, and many students eagerly await the startup of the campus network which will revolutionize communications and research methods.

In addition to the campuses' physical metamorphoses, the impact of leadership changes made during the last several years has now become apparent. The incoming Class of 1999, the first to apply and enter Hamilton College under the leadership of Dean of Admission Rit Fuller, is in the opinion of many, the finest group of first years to enter Hamilton in many years.

Challenges nevertheless lie ahead. Some students will need time to adjust to the results of the Residential Life Study and their far-reaching, covering all aspects of social life on this campus. In-house fraternity parties, a long-standing feature of the College are no longer and some may feel lost in the new social environment. Many are certain to complain about a lack of social options on campus. For some, the year which lies ahead will not be an easy one. Change is often traumatic and seldom easy to endure.

Yet the future appears bright. Hamilton enjoys all the attributes of a top-notch college and more. Our facilities, ranging from residence halls to dining halls are among the best to be found anywhere. Our faculty and their commitment is second to none. And, our students, the driving force at every college, would be an asset at any institution of higher education.

A new era has indeed begun at Hamilton, and in the years and decades again, it will likely be looked back upon fondly.

Welcome to *The Spectator*

The Spectator staff would like to extend a special welcome to Hamilton's new students and faculty. As the College's weekly and only student newspaper, we serve as the voice of the Hamilton Community. We would liketo be your voice and that of everyone around you.

So be sure to use your voice. *The Spectator* welcomes letters to the editor and op-ed columns from everyone in our community. Send them through campus mail or deliver them to our office. The entire *Spectator* staff looks forward to serving you in the year ahead.

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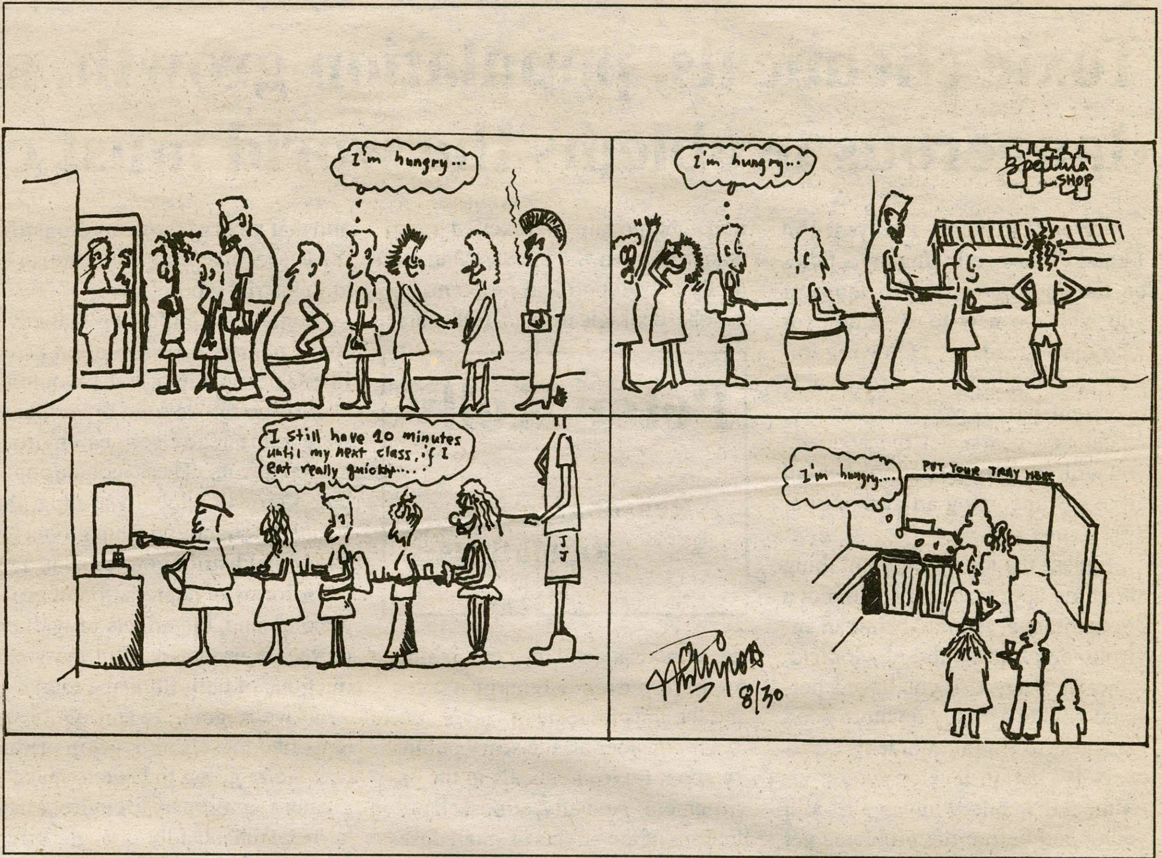


Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

They gave us an academic handbook, an Off the Hill book, an On the Hill book, a book on clubs and a book on honor. What they forgot was the survival handbook. While I have all the answers on how to drop or add a course, how to find the health center and how to declare my major, I have absolutely no answers that will help me to deal with homesickness, culture shock and just overall loneliness.

Orientation week was a shock. I don't think I have ever felt so unprepared for anything. I felt like I didn't have time to breath, much less have time to sit down and think about what was happening to me. It was a seminar, then lunch, then meet my advisor- and oh, did we mention that you have to go....

But it was fun. There were new people, new experiences, and new places to go. I met people and immediately felt like I had known them for months. I thought I was happy. I thought I had adjusted.

Then came the first week of classes. Then came the end of dry week. This is where the survival handbook would have come in handy. All of the sudden I was sitting in Beinecke trying to hide from the noise of my dorm and my mind wandered. I realized how lonely it is here without my family and friends. I felt in over my head.

In all the seminars we attended - the date rape, the diversity, the Hamilton World and the Honor Code - not once did anyone sit down with me and say "It's OK to feel lost and alone. It's OK to feel like you made the wrong decision." Hamilton forgot to include one orientation seminar, the What the Hell am I Doing Here and Why do I Feel so Damn Unprepared seminar.

I'm not the only one who needed it. People in my dorm, people I met in McEwen, people I met at parties, people everywhere are walking around thinking "what happened?"

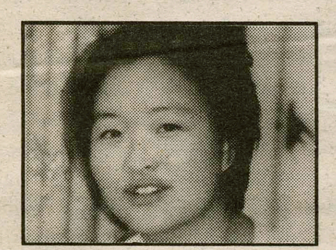
My suggestion to the organizers of orientation week is not to forget how you felt. Remember the confusion and the questioning. Don't stop at the First Night Experience thinking that one night of bonding made us feel at home. Give us informal sessions with upperclassmen who will tell us that they felt lost, too. Give us a chance to feel like it's alright to be moody and scared. Give us something to make us feel less alone.

Alexandra Walker '99

Write letters. We get lonely too.

For the price of a cup of coffee...

I had my heart broken about four times this summer and after each one of these collapses, would endure long days spent staring into blank air, trying to recuperate my sensibilities.



Heather Tesoriero
Her Story

The occasion for having my heart snapped into two was a man who came mostly once a week to the restaurant where I waitressed. I will dispell early myths with an open truth and also add a disclaimer to the story. Myth untrue: this is not the story of a waitress customer romance, or some pathetic tale of me pining for some man with whom contact existed in the form of my asking him if he'd like a baked potato, mashed potato or french fries. Hot torrid details do not follow. Disclaimer: I have an unusual outpouring of emotion and distress when seeing older men alone in public engaging in leisurely activities, i.e. dining in a restaurant, seeing a film, sitting in the park, etc. I've been known to stand in the lobby of a Parisian movie theatre or two, waiting to see if an old man has a companion on the way before I can restfully enter and enjoy the movie myself. Knowledge of this extremely sensitive area with me may better explain the story in the event my account does not.

I waitressed in a rather depressed area in New England, an area where the mass population consisted of septagarians. The elderly set were patient and smiley, the younger generation rough, snide and embittered. Teenagers, well, universally lost. So, it was of no great surprise to me that customers coming to eat at my restaurant were consistantly abrasive and cold. It wasn't too long after I started working that customers seemed to look like heaps of mashed potatoes, slumped in their booths, sucking on their life-support of cigarettes, calling me "Honey" and really conjuring a violence in me I never knew I had. I was not predisposed to an affection for clients.

One day, in the height of the consumption stampede, he walked in. Walked, in his strolling and nonchalant way. He was a round, yet sturdy man with square shoulders. He wore new, dark blue Levi's and a black tee-shirt. He sat down in the smoking section, but never smoked. His face was round and bearded with chipmunk-like cheeks.

This day, customers were screaming about the doneness of their eggs, slinging maple syrup containers around so that droplets had landed in my hair, and scorning my presence as their waitress. I was on the verge of tears at every minute, and when this man walked in, I dreaded his presence as an addition to the masses of chubby, greedy eaters. To be honest, I barely paid any attention to him that first day. We were pathetically understaffed and so I had nine times the amount of tables than is normal. The best way to get my attention was to scream or trip me. Civilized, peaceful diners fell to the wayside. Yes, it was the intimidators who got the best of me that day. But I smiled politely at this man and noticed his quiet candor and the genuine appreciation he showed toward me for asking if he needed ketchup. Whatever act I performed as part of the job received a nod and a "Thank you," an acknowledgment that seemed especially sincere. He was without newspaper or book. He sat and observed in a non-invasive manner. Lone diners often take their time when they eat, and he when he eventually left, I thanked him and told him to have a good night. When I went to clear his place, I found an extremely exorbitant tip, so much so that I thought he made some error.

The next time he came in, I sat down and chatted. He told me about his love for canoeing and wildlife, what he used to love about his grandparents' farm house, the things that frustrated him about his job. I discovered a person so kind and genuine, so nice, and yet, alone. I referred to him, in my head, as The Nicest Man in The World. There was an extremely Buddhist element in the way he existed. He would never ask for more coffee, but would wait until asked. He would never begin eating until the waitress walked away, and would stop to answer any questions. (Some people, when asked how their meal is, don't move their eyes from their plate and say, "Fine," beneath grumbles.)

I found out that he works the night shift, and he catches sleep when the rest of the world bustles. This man took on a presence in my existence. He would come in, eat his meal over an hour and a half, and after he left, I would think about where he was going, what his house looked like, did he have friends? In the most immediate sense, it was unfathomable to me that this wonderful person didn't have anyone to share his life with. So many screaming mimi's that ate in this restaurant, I thought, and despite their rude and crass behavior, THEY, the less than desirables, had found companionship. But, in second reflection, I knew that The Nicest Man in the World was painfully shy, completely non-assertive, and probably not someone who would take the initiative to meet people. I hoped his house was warm and welcoming, not strewn with signs of someone who lives alone. I hoped his refigerator had something besides baking soda and two month old celery. He ate all of his meals out, because, as he explained, there's no point in cooking for one.

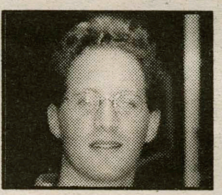
Now, there is no divine law stating that a life of solitude is a poor one. According to most ancient philosophies, inner tranquility is found in the state of being alone. But I began to think about companionship and its dependence on probability. Surely, this man had just not happened upon the right person. But he was not the only stray soul who wandered into the restaurant. I realized I was jumping to many conclusions, probably looking for a mission of rescue. But, small events throughout the course of the summer made me think there was something larger for me to think about.

One early morning (8:00am), I went to the 24-hour laundromat after putting it off for a sinful amount of time. I was sitting there, reading E. Annie Proulx's The Shipping News, when I felt a shadow stirring in front of my feet. I looked up, and there, standing before me, was The Nicest Man in the World. We noticed one another at precisely the same moment, and were equally amused by the clandestine meeting. I put my book down and we talked about his job (he'd just come off the night shift). The scene seemed eerie to me, because his personality was a living replica of Quoyle, the protagonist in my book. This man, so simple and kind, so unable to implement justice in his life (The Man told me about some of the abuse he suffered at his job), so easily saddened by humanity's ugly side. I left the laundromat dazed from the little coincidence.

And finally, that same night, I was driving home from a movie at 10:30pm. I was exhausted and looking out of the windshield through squinted eyes, talking quietly to my friend. I saw a few cars rush ahead of me, and there, whizzing past me on this massive highway, in his distinctive vehicle, was The Nicest Man. I told my friend, but it could only be of so much interest to him, and understandingly so, here was yet another victim to my indulgent sympathy. But it wasn't like that this time, and yet I knew how superfluous it was for me to attest to the significance of this man, amongst all the others. Where was he going at this hour? Was he lonely? And then I remembered, he was going to work. He started at 11:00pm. Four nights per week. Sleeping when the sun was up.

Maybe it's all pre-destined, though I doubt it. I don't believe we all drift toward one another. But I wish this man had a place in someone else's scheme, a spot waiting for him, and someone to share his meals with besides a transient waitress during one short summer.

Life on the Hill: love it or, well, love it



Ben Berkman
The *Spectrum*

While abroad this past semester, I kept up with Hamilton events by regularly reading the Spectator. As the year drew to a close, I found myself becoming more and more disturbed by the countless letters written by graduating seniors. Almost invariably, these letters took the form of vicious diatribes accusing our administration of everything short of the World Trade Center bombing. The students who wrote often prefaced their letters with a sentence like "After four years of putting up with this miserable excuse for an education, I couldn't be happier to leave. The school has dorked us out of everything that was once fun and screwed us with housing. Good luck to the underclassmen and incoming frosh, you'll need it."

Although you won't find their names on a roster anywhere, the aforementioned people are stars at one of Hamilton's most popular Varsity sports: complaining. What is especially annoying about these students is that they are often smart, usually articulate, and always have a point of view. Well, with all of these talents why couldn't any of these malcontents do something to fix the faults they were all toofond of finding? I'm not trying to infer that writing letters to the Spectator is nothing. As an editor of this section I would never dissuade anyone who has an opinion from voicing it. However a letter is just the first step. What truly makes Hamilton a "special place" is that there is extraordinary opportunity here to actually make a difference. Unlike many larger schools, most of Hamilton's influential extra-curricular organizations (this paper being one of them) do not require students to try out for a position. If you want to be on a committee or a student board just sign your name on the dotted line. If I'm making it sound easy, that's because it is. Yet the fact that it's not hard to get involved on a serious level at this school does not in any way discredit or invalidate it. Hamilton has so many activities, clubs and publications for a school of its size, that sometimes we simply cannot fill all of the positions.

Good luck to the underclassmen and incoming frosh, you'll need it

The message here is not meant to be admonishing. Rather it is one of encouragement. What the aforementioned students failed to realize is that by trashing Hamilton in obnoxious letters they are really putting themselves down. A letter of complaint without a solution is an inadvertent admission of inability. This is your school, if you don't like it do something about it.

Letter and Op-Ed Policy

The Spectator's **Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Letters and Op-Ed box outside the Spectator's office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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Generation of distrust proceeds with caution

Ben Mintz
Grey Matters

When government began as a republic in its purest form, the bulk of the toga toting Roman citizens actively participated in decision making through debate and voting. To paraphrase one of Abraham Lincoln's best known quotations, all the people weren't always satisfied with the results, however, they viewed them as their own product and were content with that particular aspect of the system. Unfortunately, over the past few millennium, such initial faith and trust in government has slowly eroded and efforts to build a proverbial retaining wall have been scarce, disastrous, and have ultimately caused the inevitable result of any erosion; an avalanche (in this case it began in 1959.) That was when the world watched the President of the US assure Americans via national TV that we were not flying spy planes over the USSR; which as a statement in itself is not at all drastic. However, in the weeks following Eisenhower's statement, Francis Gary Powers, an American airman admitted that he did in fact take part in spy procedures over the Soviet Union and quickly and decisively exposed the icon of American government in an embarrassing and blatant lie. Due to the miracles of modern technology, for the first time, all America understood that their government was purposefully deceiving them. The very same individuals would soon witness a trend well illustrated by the "police action" in Vietnam, Watergate, and Iran-Contra.

In turn, the contemporary generations were raised in environments where individuals were taught to distrust what had formerly been "their" government. This ballooned and then grew into an active fear of the nation's ruling body which coupled itself with an opposition to its policies. The citizens and press both searched for and protested the newfound shadiness in their once sacred institution (i.e. many of our parents in the sixties). As time progressed, these feelings evolved from the radical rantings of a few fringe groups to the "norm." Although massive demonstrations on a daily basis stopped, their points were not forgotten. This mainstreaming is reflected in our culture, be it through Dylan's lyrics in "Subterranean Homesick Blues" or the government's portrayal as the "bad guy" in a TV program like the A-Team or a movie like E.T.

However, while our generation has taken the sketchy character of its government for granted, to say we merely distrust and disagree like our predecessors is an oversimplification of our feelings. We possess a surprisingly happy marriage of frustration and embarrassment. As I take part in the uniquely Generation X ritual of flipping through my cable stations, I stumble upon CSPAN, Court TV, and the History Channel and am overcome with an indescribable emotion resembling shame. I watch OJ and then use the "jump" key to catch a particularly good episode of True Stories of the Highway Patrol in which cops arrest and lecture three bastard hippies for possessing a joint. Sadly a commercial hits, so I catch CNN reporting about "dead beat dads" and the lack of law enforcement officers to deal with them. Not so suddenly, I think that there is a drastic case of misplaced priorities present. Unfortunately, this error is not the exception, it is second in regularity only to no priorities (i.e. Congress.)

In the 90's, people have stopped even thinking about the specifics of the issues (i.e. the deadbeat dad bill); they have come to the understanding that in this day and age the issues are secondary and almost irrelevant because of the government's own apathy and gridlock. Although it may be in touch with the people, it definitely is not in touch with reality.

My personal faith began to wane quite some time ago, but did not quite disappear until my catalytic encounter with the judicial branch. Just a few weeks before my return to The Hill, I received a summons ordering me to report to the Essex County, New Jersey Courthouse in Newark for jury duty on a set date. I quickly wrote back explaining that this summons was misdirected since I would have to leave for school soon and in addition I work and having to take a week off would result in the loss of several hundred dollars in pay. However, the only answer I got was a postcard which had a blood red "request denied" stamped on it; so on the proper date I set off to perform my civic duty at 8:30 in the morning in the heat drenched armpit of Northern New Jersey. In lieu of a welcoming band, the government chose to greet potential jurors with a frisking that was a bit too much on the friendly side. But, it was good thing because the guard discovered that I was carrying a "concealed weapon" which he promptly confiscated and sent to "headquarters to be destroyed." I tried to explain that the Swiss Army Knife holding my keys had been given to me at the age of 11 and had been used as a novelty key chain ever since. My protest became merely another exercise in futility yielding only a threat of being held in contempt which soon became an ultimatum to proceed to the juror room with arrest as the penalty. In any event, I will fast forward through the rest of my day having expressed the tone well through the exemplary commencent activities. I was finally put out of my misery by a judge, who minutes from assigning me to a case a notch below the Lindbergh kidnapping figured out that I would have to leave a few days into the case and sent me to be excused from jury duty.

So, what is the point to my tangential ravings? While some prior generations adapted an attitude of "change the policy" our attempts in these fields are half-hearted or a mere going through the motions. Some might write this reaction off as apathy, but the reality of the matter is just that the system has deteriorated to the point that it is almost a joke and it is pretty difficult to figure out what the policy is (i.e. US on Bosnia) let alone change it. We are not apathetic, we just fear a waste of time. When those involved in government are incompetent and not trustworthy themselves, there is no incentive for common citizens to lobby a body inequipped to put their desires into effect. One must keep in mind that there is a fine line between apathy and not wanting to entrench oneself in bs.

This is a special note to the Class of 1999. This college thing is so new, and after your first week, you're tired of walking into the wrong class, standing in front of your mailbox for twenty minutes and trying to understand how the diner really works. But, if you really want to heighten your entire experience at Hamilton., become a voice and spark discussion, write for the Letters and Op-Ed section of the Spectator. We are a psychotic and weird bunch, but you'll never forget your Spectator family. Stop by. Try it out. Call Ben at 853-7120 or Heather at x0435 and ask more about it.

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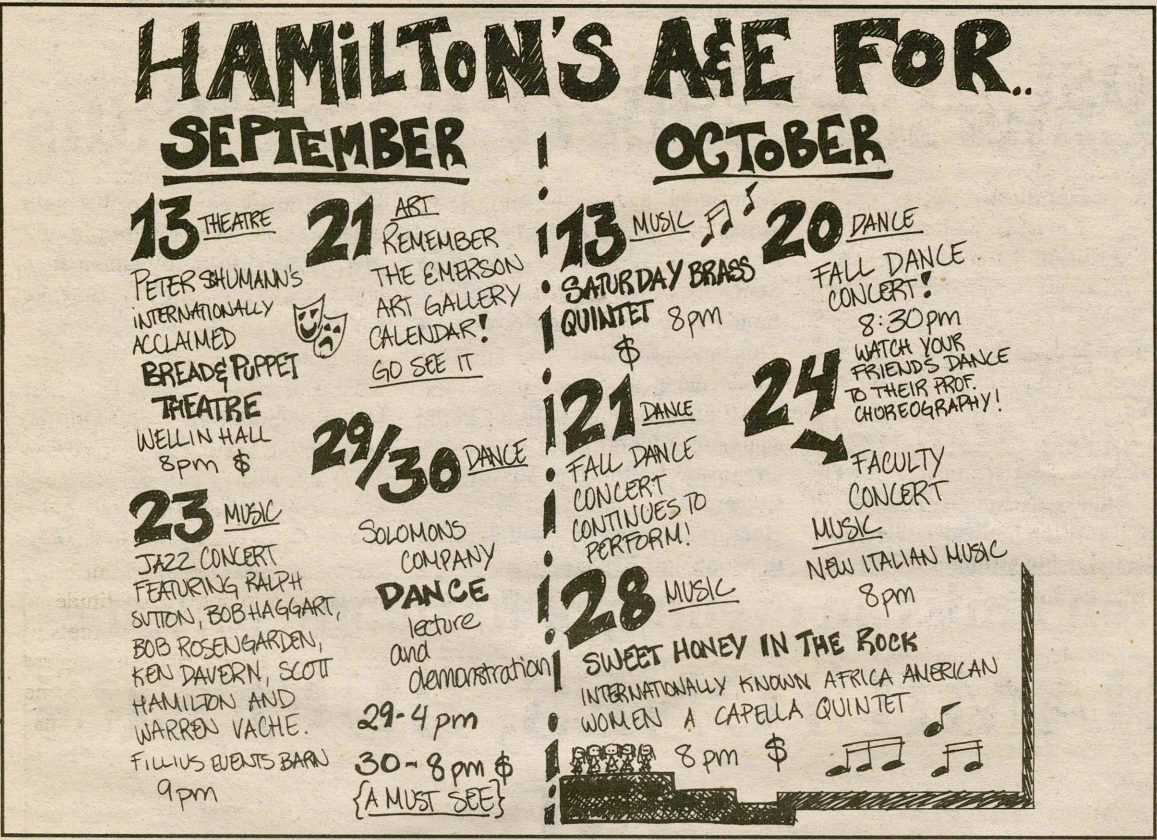

Thank You! to the Brochure of the Arts at Hamilton series for the Fall.

Acoustic Coffeehouse

By Nadine Neue '98
A&E Editor

The Acoustic Coffeehouse is happening once again. Today from 3:00 to 6:00 pm Jon Liebing will be performing at Cafe Opus. Acoustic Music or “"'Urban Folk', as many people are calling it, spans the whole musical spectrum, from jazz to punk and everything in between,” states the brochure from last semester. In the cozy atmosphere among friends, with a creamy mocha in your hand, you can listen to another person's poetry and ideas through a song.

Last semester some of the performances were also held in the Barn to accomodate a larger audience. The artists themselves will usually also bring along CD's, t-shirts, and other paraphanilia to sell. Information about other concerts in the area that they will be involved in is also given out. Some of the past Acoustic Coffeehouse performers included Ellis Paul, Ani DiFranco, Vance Gilbert,and various Hamilton student talent. WHCL-FM even had live in-studio performances of the acoustic coffeehouse guest artists, and will be continuing to do so.
In the weeks to follow keep a lookout for these upcoming guest artists
Micheal Jerling and guest
September 14
Greg Brown and guest
October 18
The Nields and guest
November 30.

PHOTO FROM THE SPRING BROCHURE OF THE ACOUSTIC COFFEEHOUSE'95
Picture of Vance Gilbert

Movies in review

By Gina Carbone '99
A&E writer

Desperado

Modern western Desperado is writer/director/producer Robert Rodriguez's attempt at joining Terminator 2 with La Bamba. Antonio Banderas (Interview With the Vampire) stars as a morbid musician with a personal vendetta against, Bucho, the head of a Mexican mafia. We're told that Bucho is responsible for the shooting of Banderas' hand and the killing of his lady love. Since the lovers' relationship is never explored we're left to wonder whether Banderas is angrier at the loss of his love or that he can't play the guitar anymore. The movie is a far-fetched bloodbath with plenty of overacting all around. The film's beginning is tolerable thanks to the comic relief of Steve Buscemi (Mr. Pink from Reservoir Dogs) and an amusing cameo by Quentin Tarantino. Unfortunately, the only decent characters are killed off in the first half, so the remainder of the film is just depressingly violent and pointless. We never really get to know Banderas' character and therefore we cannot sympathize with his plight. If you're a drooling Banderas fan or a Tarantino groupie, see the movie, you may enjoy a few moments. The rest of you should keep away. D-

Something to Talk About

You may have heard that Something to Talk About is Julia Roberts' best work since Pretty Woman. It's true. Roberts stars as Grace, a model community member from a well-to-do Southern family who's stagnant marriage meets its end when she catches her husband Eddie(Dennis Quaid) with another woman. The movie revolves around Grace's horse breeding family including Robert Duvall as her chauvinistic father. Academy Award winning writer Callie Khouri's (Thelma And Louise) sophamore effortdoesn't disappoint us with this one. Her characters are thoroughly believable and you can identify with all of their emotions. The actors do the script justice with their terrific performances, especially Kyra Sedgewick(Singles) as Grace's wise-cracking sister, Emma Rae. Quaid's Eddie is introduced as common slime, but by the end his humanizing performance makes us cheer him on. Something to Talk About shares a lot of the female oriented humor and situations of Thelma and Louise, so if you fancied that or enjoy equestrian sports, check out this movie next time you're out. A

Mortal Kombat

As a fan of video games, I'm insulted for all of us. Based on the first fame in a series of three, Kombat focuses on a martial arts tournament with the good guys battling the bad guys. Guess who wins? I don't even want to know who wrote the script, but I feel sorry for them. It's packed with one-liners that are just pathetic and the acting is pitiful. In a desperate attempt to attract some sort of“big name” to the film, French actor Christopher Lambert of Highlander was given the role of Rayden, a Japanese Thunder and Lightning God. They turned someone who is supposed to be a religious mentor into a wise-crackking bad joke machine with a white wig reminiscent of Samantha's hari in “bewitched.” It's depressing. Yet, I must say that the special effects are decen., The music will stick in your head and I did laugh a lot, but not at the things intended to be funny. Stick with the game. C-

Virtuosity

Computer technology continues to be a major theme in Hollywood this year, its latest output is virtual reality thriller Virtuosity. Denzel Washington stars as an ex-cop, now convicted murderer, who is offered a full pardon by the attorney general if he can catch Sid 6.7, a virtual reality program component brought to life by its creator. Sid is composed of hundreds of different serial killer's personalities fused into his memory disc, the dominant one with a passion for public executions. Washington's character, Parker, teams up with a criminal psychologist(Kelly Lynch) as they track down Sid and try to deal with Parker's speckled past. Juicy New Zealand actor, Russell Crowe, does a terriffic job as Sid. Keep an eye out for him in the future. There isn't much techno jargon, so you shouldn't feel lost if you aren't familiar with that. Altogether the movie is fast moving and exciting with an interesting soundtrack(really listen to the words if you buy it). However,this film is obviously not a documentary.

B

The Chenille Sisters at the Kirkland Art Center

Courtesy of Catharine Westlake
Kirkland art center

Nationally recognized performers for children, The Chenille Sisters, will perform a special concert for kids on Friday, September 15 at 3:45 PM at the Kirkland Art Center on East Park Row, (Route 12B), in Clinton. The trio weaves delicious harmony , wacky wit, satire and zany costumes into a program that charms young people and their parents into enthusiastic audience participation.

They have performed their compositions for children on national public broadcasting. They have also been guests on the Prarie Home Companion. The Chenille Sisters will bring their special harmonies from their home in Michigan to start the fall season of KAC for Kid performances. Admission is $2.50 for children, $5 for adults and no more than $10 per family.

Cheryl Dawdy, Conie Huber and Grace Morand have been praised for their good taste and kid sense, developed during the ten years of the Chenille sisters existence. They have produced two recordings for kids. One called “1-2-3-For Kids” won a Parents Choice Gold Award. A third album will be released next year.

Their individual music style borrows from country and folk played on a guitar with a unique rhythm section including a cheese grater played with an ice cream scoop.

The program is made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council of the Arts and with funds from Meet the Composer., It is organized by the volunteer "KAC For Kids" Committee chaired by Jil Spellman and Faye Cittadino, both of Clinton.

Do you sing? Tryouts for the HAMILTONES

-The Co-ed a capella group at Hamilton-

...tryouts will be happening next week Sept. 5&6 on Monday from 6-10pm and Tuesday from 6-7pm and 9-10:30pm.

Fall calendar for the Kirkland Art Center

The Kirkland Art Center...situated in Clinton
September Hours: 9:30-5:00 Tuesdays to Fridays
2:00-5:00 Sundays

September Calendar:

10 **Art exibition Reception:** Chris Duncan and Linda Day. Abstract steel Wood Sculptures and works on paper by Chris Duncan with abstract oil on wood paintings by Linda Day. Reception 2-5. Refreshments. Public invited. Free. Exhibition continues until September 13.

15 **KAC for Kids:** Chenille Sisters, funny songs, lots of audience participation, wonderful harmonies, wacko fashion statement. 3:45PM. Adults $5, Children $2.50, Family Maximum $10.

15 **KAC Coffeehouse:** For the first coffeehouse of the season, we welcome the Chenille sisters, a delightful zany musical trio from the mid west with incredible harmonies and an outragous sense of style. 8:00PM. $9.

17 **Art Exhibition:** Mary Loy. Mostly recent paintings and drawings including a series of nine paintings and three drawings based on a “party theme”. Reception 2-5. Refreshments. Public Invited. Free. Exhibition continues until October 11.

23 **KAC Film:** The Story of Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz, a remarkable film on the Holocaust directed by Peter Cohen. 7:45PM. Admission $2.50; Students $1.25.

23 **Workshop:** Hand Painted T-shirts with Jan Burke Lauber. 10:00-1:00PM. $20. Call to register.

27 **Lecture/ Discussion:** “Art in Public Places-1995” by Dorothy Desir-Davis, former curator at the Studio Musrum in Harlem, New York. 7:45PM. $2.

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Emerson Gallery Exhibitions

Hamilton College
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Exhibition Schedule 1995-96

through September 10
Gloria Garfinkel: Haiku for the Eyes

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September 21-October 29, 1995
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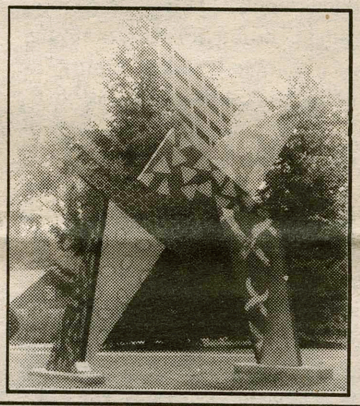
Horoscopes
for the week of September 6th-13th

FIRE
Aries
(March 21-April 19)
Old friends are what are on your mind. Remember to call or disagreement could occur. Aries happens to be a temperamental personality. Take care of things concerning money, as well. Spending it on your self and your friends may be fun, but you tend to love to do that too much. Take a long hot shower and relax, it's been a stressful week.
Leo
(July 23-August 22)
Everything is fresh once again. It's rained, but yet the sun can still be seen. Take the opportunity to start something fresh and new, something you've never done before. The impulsive leo character is itching for some exitement. You don't need to find it, you can simply create it!
Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)
It's those old memories of past relationships, that is the big problem of the week. In general, you've settled into a routine and are happy to stick to your friends and work, but those iritating thoughts keep coming through. Take a walk and think it out, you need it! Or simply read a good book to get away from it all for awhile.

EARTH
Taurus
(April 20-May 20)
Just do it. You've thought about it enough and you've actually already made up your mind. You just don't want to admit it to yourself. Take a dive and plunge, don't dwell on things as you usually do. Red seems to be the color of the week for you. Energy! It'll do you good in work and play.
Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
Concentrate on your work for once! It's been one great party for awhile now and you're positive you have everything set. Buckel down for a little while. Relax and finish what you have to. It's been your personal party, no one will forget you and you'll be ready for a new crazy week when all the necessities are behind you.
Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)
You think you've got it all organized now. You don't! That is what you need to realize now, before it's too late. Don't go barging around without thinking. You were on a new track for awile but decided that you're old ways were the better ones. You've got alot to learn about people, open your eyes and start before you find yourself all alone.

AIR
Gemini
(May 21-June 20)
Don't waste time with those moments in life that you wish had never happened. See them for what they are, a learning experience. Dwelling is for an early fall sunset, not for embarrasment. Do not let yourself be afraid of being strange. You are only strange to others, and of what importance is that to you? We are all the same, only different shades of beauty.
Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Don't lose sight of yourself. The fog is bad when you can't see land, but it is deadly when you can't see your own hands. If you find yourself changing, make sure it is you, who you are changing into. But don't question it too much, let yourself go; for that is the only way to truly accomplish the mission. Never stray from the basics.
Aquarius
(January 20 - February 18)
Things lie ahead, that is certain. But things also lie behind. Perspective is a difficult thing to get, but a valuable thing to have. Without it, every mistake would be your biggest, and every success would be the apex. Always look for more, settle for nothing that is less than yourself. That is a compromise, and only in unimportant matters will that do. Fortunately, there are many unimportant things in our lives.

WATER
Cancer
(June 21 - July 22)
Notice things around you. If you are preoccupied with Hamilton already then you need serious help. The sun is still out, and the snow has yet to fall. Get you light requirement while it is still available. Depression is not a good thing. Keep yourself busy and find people to be with. Be bold, it is surprising how much the average bold person can accomplish. Is ia also surprising how bold the average person is. Find that person in you.
Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
Beware of scary things. Watch for falling rocks, and don't let the bedbugs bite. Don't take others advice unless you respect their motives. A good qualifying motive is love. Call home and get advice, they love to give it. Make time for priorities, do you like what you are spending time doing? If not re-prioritize, it is the healthiest thing to do, and the scariest.
Pisces
(February 19 - March 20)
Eat unhealthy for a while. Establish no routine, and become someone else. The weekend is here, and there isn't a better time. Displace yourself from a comfortable environment and immerse yourself in uncertainty. Find a new star and name it after he or him.



What is it?
No, the sculpture is not permanent. It's part of the Exhibit *Haiku for the Eyes*. The statue will be leaving the Hill around September 10.

Samuel Kirkland Film Society
1995 Fall Semester Films

Shawshank Redemption		
Friday, September 1	7:30	
Saturday, September 2	10:00	
Sunday, September 3	7:30	
Dumb and Dumber		
Friday, September 15	7:30	
Saturday, September 16	10:00	
Sunday, October 1	7:30	
Higher Learning		
Friday, September 29	7:30	
Saturday, September 30	10:00	
Sunday, October 1	7:30	
Die Hard With a Vengeance		
Friday, October 20	7:30	
Saturday, October 21	10:00	
Sunday, October 22	7:30	
Dolores Claiborne		
Friday, November 3	7:30	
Saturday, November 4	10:00	
Sunday, November 5	7:30	
Hoop Dreams		
Friday, November 17	7:30	
Saturday, November 18	10:00	
Sunday, November 19	7:30	
Brave Heart		
Friday, December 8	7:30	
Saturday, December 9	10:00	
Sunday, December 10	7:30	

Foreign and Fine Film Society
1995 Fall Semester Films

Rhapsody in August	
Friday, September 8	7:30
Saturday, September 9	10:00
Sunday, September 10	7:30
Blood on the Condor	
Friday, September 22	7:30
Saturday, September 23	10:00
Sunday, September 24	7:30
Bhaji on the Beach	
Friday, October 13	7:30
Saturday, October 14	10:00
Sunday, October 15	7:30
Babbette's Feast	
Friday, October 27	7:30
Saturday, October 28	10:00
Sunday, October 29	7:30
Vanya on 42nd Street	
Friday, November 10	7:30
Saturday, November 11	10:00
Sunday, November 12	7:30
Jamon Jamon	
Friday, December 1	7:30
Saturday, December 2	10:00
Sunday, December 3	7:30

All Films are shown in the Kirner-Johnson Auditorium

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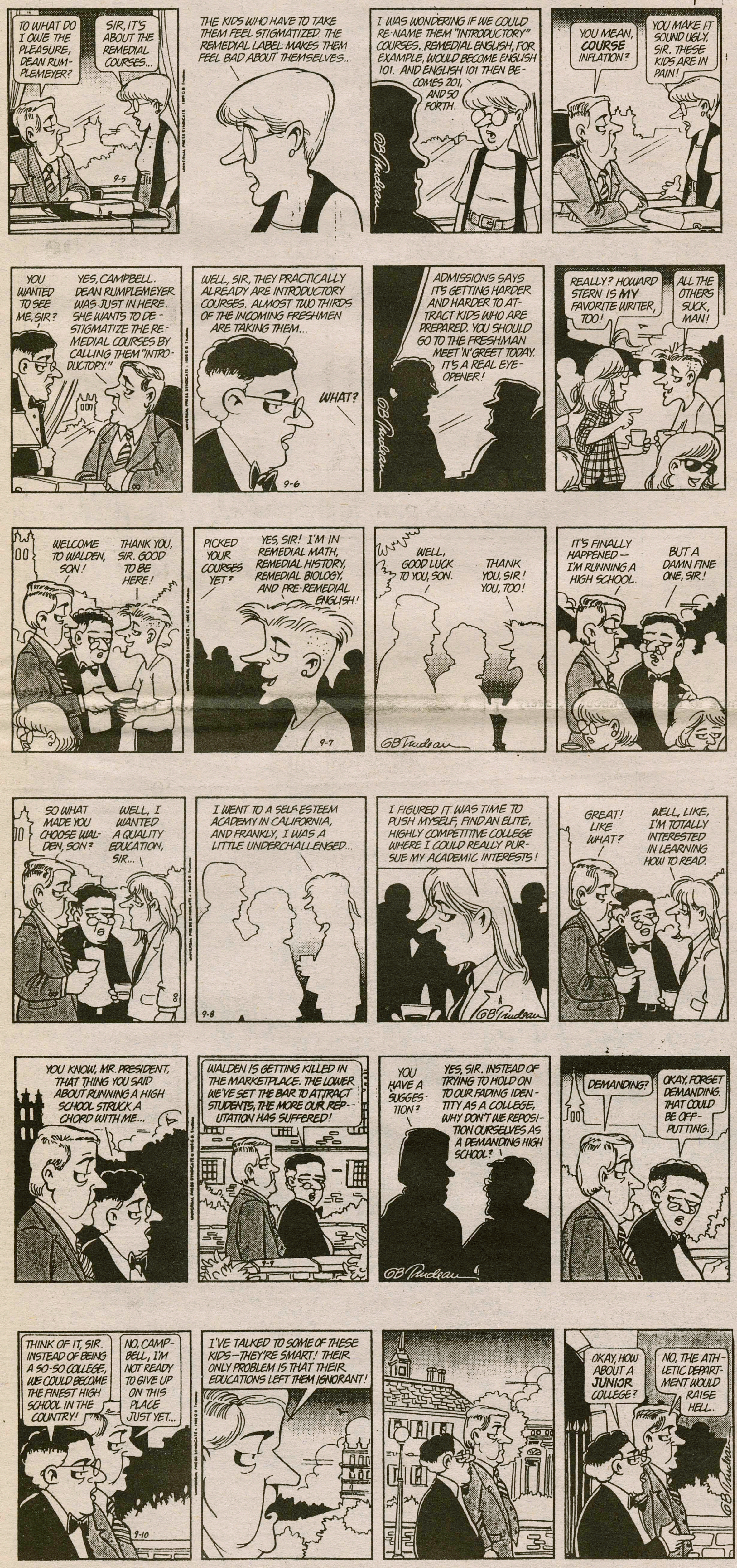

Personals

Congratulations to Professor Rob Kantrowitz and Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz upon their June wedding. Best of luck!

-*The Spectator* Staff

Dear freshmen living in DKE,
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- The Ghosts (?)

Peaches-
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-Muffin

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Calendar & Movies

1 *Friday*

6:00 **Hillel Shabbat Evening Services and Dinner.** Azel Backus House.

8:00 ***A capella* Concert.** "Hamiltones." Chapel

2 *Saturday*

3 *Sunday*

1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel

4 *Monday*

5 *Tuesday*

6 *Wednesday*

7 *Thursday*

Check with the Campus Activities Board for more

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of September 1-September 7.

Sangertown 797-2121

Lord of Illusions 7:20, 10:00
The Babysitters Club 5:00
Dangerous Minds 6:45, 9:25
Something to Talk About 7:00, 9:30
Magic in the Water 7:05, 9:20
Mortal Kombat 7:15, 9:40
The Prophecy 7:30, 9:45
A Walk in the Clouds 6:40, 9:15

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

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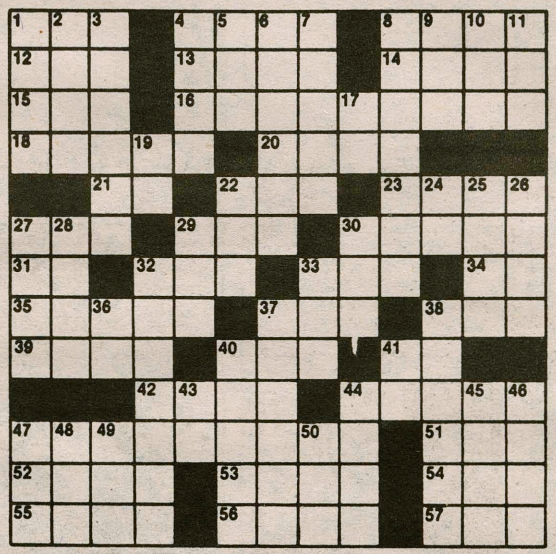

ACROSS

1. Unhappy
4. Legal action
8. Town in Netherlands
12. Crude metal
13. S. Yemen capital
14. Listless
15. Dark
16. Speaker
18. Love
20. Prayer ending
21. Pagoda
22. Pig pen
23. Older
27. Article
29. Cultivator
30. Gaze
31. Old English (abbr.)
32. Atilla
33. Enemy
34. Disease (suffix)
35. Resident of bottle
37. NE state (abbr.)
38. Lair
39. Charity
40. Number
41. Pronoun
42. Layer
44. Couch
47. Dramatic presentation
51. Frozen water
52. Agree
53. Thailand
54. Relative
55. Woman
56. Other
57. Time zone (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Coke
2. Dry
3. Degrade
4. Advanced
5. Fuss
6. Put to sleep
7. Foe
8. Send forth
9. Spot
10. Away from (prefix)
11. Part (suffix)
17. Regarding
19. Egyptian sun god
22. Father's boy
24. Southern state (abbr.)
25. Great lake
26. College administrator
27. Loose robe
28. Bottom of foot
29. Color
30. Sun
32. Past
33. Bog
36. SW state (abbr.)
37. Jump the tracks
38. Contrive
40. To the point
41. 3rd musical note
43. Natural self
44. Female
45. Sour
46. Bird's name
47. Bad (prefix)
48. A Gabor
49. Guided
50. Christian festival (suffix)

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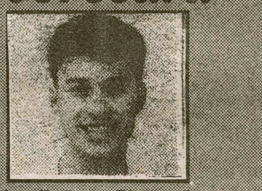
Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor* (Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0)	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor* (Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0)	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor* (Last Week: 0-0 To date: 0-0)	Mark Granovsky *Associate Sports Editor* (Last Week: 0-0 ToDate: 0-0)	Gabe Meyer Editor in Chief Guest of the Week (No Guests to date)
NBA					
Jets at Miami 9/3	Jets	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Buffalo at Denver 9/3	Denver	Denver	Buffalo	Denver	Buffalo
Carolina at Atlanta 9/3	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Carolina	Carolina
Cleveland at New England 9/3	New England	New England	Cleveland	New England	Cleveland
Detroit at Pittsburgh 9/3	Detroit	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Houston at Jacksonville 9/3	Houston	Houston	Jacksonville	Houston	Houston
Kansas City at Seattle 9/3	Kansas City	Kansas City	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Minnesota at Chicago 9/3	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Chicago	Chicago
San Francisco at New Orleans 9/3	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	New Orleans
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia 9/3	Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
St. Louis at Green Bay 9/3	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	St. Louis
Arizona at Washington 9/3	Arizona	Washington	Washington	Arizona	Washington
Cincinnati at Indianapolis 9/3	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Cincinnati	Indianapolis
Dallas at Giants 9/4	Giants	Giants	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

NFL Opener On Sunday

San Francisco looks to repeat

Scorecard



Trip MacCracken

In The NFL: My predictions for the season: In the AFC- East: 1. Miami- This team is loaded 2. Indianapolis- Marshall Faulk will lead an improved Colt team to a playoff win 3. New England- Drew Bledsoe can't hide the Pats' lack of defense 4. New York Jets- Rich Kotite might coax 8 or 9 wins out of this talentless bunch 5. Buffalo- Getting old+ losing players= losing season. Central: 1. Pittsburgh- Best D in the game 2. Cleveland- Solid enough to make the playoffs, nothing more 3. Cincinnati- Jeff Blake must continue his impressive showing 4. Houston- A few years ago, this squad looked good enough for the Super Bowl. Time flies. 5. Jacksonville- Give 'em three years. West: 1. San Diego- Junior Seau carries the load 2. Seattle- Team turmoil puts it all together for new coach Dennis Erickson 3. Denver- Elway's last hurrah under new coach Mike Shanahan 4. Oakland- Each year, this squad finds a way to underachieve 5. Kansas City- Joe's gone, so are Chief hopes. In the NFC- East: 1. Dallas- Smith, Aikman and Irvin will keep them atop the division 2. New York Giants- Went 9 and 7 last year but didn't make the playoffs 3. Philadelphia- Randall will get help from Rickey Watters 4. Arizona- Great defense leads to wins- but not enough to make up for lack of O 5. Washington- Improved from a year ago, but needs another year for young QB Shuler. Central: 1. Minnesota- Moon wants a ring 2. Chicago- Wannstedt continues Bear turnaround 3. Green Bay- Sharpe is gone, but Pack will compete 4. Tampa Bay- Sapp leads rejuvenated Buc attack 5. Detroit- Lions could finish anywhere in division- top to bottom. West: 1. San Francisco- Loss of Watters will hurt 2. Atlanta- Jeff George finally succeeds 3. New Orleans- Like the Oilers, the Saints have gone downhill fast 4. St. Louis- New city, same Rams 5. Carolina- See Jacksonville.

In The NCAA: Scott Dreisbach looked impressive in Michigan's opening win against Virginia. Although the young quarterback got off to a rough start, he stayed cool and threw the game winning score to wideout Mercury Hayes. Dreisbach, making his first collegiate start, broke Michigan's single game records for passes attempted and yardage. Against Virginia, he displayed a great deal of talent, but also a tendency to force the ball into coverage. In time, this kid will be something special... So you think Colorado will have a hard time this year after the loss of Kordell Stewart, Rashaan Salaam, and Michael Westbrook? Think again. Koy Detmer, brother of former Heisman winner Ty, is ready to step up after carrying a clipboard for 3 years. Moreover, watch out for new tailback Herschell Troutman. In limited action last season, Troutman showed quickness and should replace Salaam more than adequately...

In baseball: Last spring, everyone knew the Indians were on the verge of big things, but their season has gone above and beyond even their own wildest dreams. After so many years of enduring consistent losing baseball teams, the city of Cleveland has rallied around the Tribe. The feeling of pride, both in the baseball team and in the city as a whole, has been rejuvenated by the team's success.... Speaking of surprises, who would have predicted that the Red Sox would hold a 15 game lead over the second place Yankees at this point in the year. More surprising, perhaps, has been the key to Boston's success. Roger Clemens has had a mediocre year, and his dominant reign appears over. His heir apparent, Aaron Sele, has been injured most of the year. Indeed, a pitcher who wasn't even in the majors last season has led Boston, putting up numbers similar to those of Atlanta's Greg Maddux. Of course, this surprise leader has been Tim Wakefield, the knuckleballer whose career took off in '92 for the Pirates, then just as quickly plummetted, leading to his release by Pittsburgh. In spring training, Wakefield met with former knuckeballer Phil Niekro, who told him to quit aiming his pitches, and more importantly, helped him regain his shattered confidence. Wakefield is, without question, a solid candidate for both the Cy Young and MVP awards in the American League, with a 14-3 record and a league-leading 2.51 ERA... What's this? Yankee legend/captain/future Hall-of-Famer Donnie Ballgame is considering playing in Japan?!?! Say it ain't so. Well, unfortunately for Yankee fans, it's true. Don Mattingly, at the end of a five-year contract, has had enough of baseball in America. He said, "I've thought about Japan a little bit. I want it to be where it's a fun place, where it's baseball and not b.s., and I don't know if I can find that in the U.S. anymore." The 34 year old first-baseman has spent his entire career in pinstripes as the successor to Mantle and DiMaggio in the line of Yankee tradition. Although Mattingly's average of .281 is down from his career average of .309, his departure to another team or country would certainly be a huge disappointment to any baseball fan...

And finally, in case you've been out of the loop for awhile, Cal Ripken Jr. is on pace to break Lou Gehrig's Iron Man record for consecutive games played. On September 6, Ripken will play in his 2,131st straight game, truly an amazing achievement. Consider this: The last time Ripken wasn't in the lineup was back on May 29, 1982, over thirteen years ago. At that time, advance publicity was beginning for a new movie by Steven Spielberg. That movie? ET: The Extra-Terrestrial..

My Two Cents

New Hamilton, Same Sam

By Samuel M. Walker '96
Sports Editor

My Two Cents is back for the semester and once again I will give my opinion on controversial topics as well as provide valuable insight into the lighter side of sports. For those first-years or others who have not had the pleasure of reading my tremendous prose, now is the time. For my five or six weekly readers (my roommate and my other few friends), keep on reading me and your check will be in the mail. Of course as Sports Editor, my specialty is Hamilton sports. However, don't think that my opinions are only limited to the sportsworld. My articles go far beyond box scores and statistics. In fact, I try to provide the reader with some insight into important life or death questions.

The following are a collection of tidbits that I have taken out of my personal archives

....Greetings go out to all the new coaches on the Hill this fall. Most notably, three familiar faces have joined the Hamilton athletic staff. Aurelius Henderson '95 returns to the Hill as the running backs coach for the football team. Aurelius was a star basketball and football player for the Continentals. Melissa Hart '89 will take the reigns as head coach of women's soccer and softball. Melissa was a standout soccer player who holds many of the schools goalkeeping records. Finally, Marsha Foster '95 will work as an intern in the athletic department, helping to coach women's soccer, basketball, and softball. Marsha played basketball and softball for Hamilton from 1992-1995. It's great to see alumni come back to coach at their alma mater. After all, they know the way things work on the Hill.

....Let's not forget the new Sports Information Director at Hamilton. After Chris Militello moved on this summer to take the position of S.I.D. at UNC-Greensboro, Mark Simon '94 took over the position. Mark, who was a star golfer for Hamilton, gets the enviable task of following all of Hamilton's sports. It's not an easy job, but luckily, Mark is a die hard Continental fan.

....How are our teams going to fare this fall? Awesome is the answer. Football went 5-3 last year and Dan Deblois '95 is back at the QB position with some great talent surrounding him at the skilled positions. If the team can adequately plug some positions that were vacated by graduating seniors, there is no telling how good they can be. Regardless, they're insured of finishing at the same place in the standings no matter how many games they win, since NESCAC standings are listed alphabetically. As for the other fall sports, both men and women's soccer are stacked, field hockey and volleyball are always solid, and the Cross Country teams are on the rise. Women's tennis and golf are young, but with great first years arriving on both squads, success looks attainable.

...I will go out on a limb and say this fall we will send two teams to the NCAA's. If I'm wrong, I'll never open my mouth again. (Yeah,right!!)

....What else? Intramurals is starting and sign ups are in the process. Nothing beats the fun of playing intramurals. It's not that serious, there are no required practices, (although my I.M. football team practices at 6:00 a.m. every morning) yet people are out there to win. Football, soccer, men's and women's lax, golf, and women's basketball are the fall sports. Pick a sport your interested in and assemble a team. You'll have a blast! Trust me.

Final Thoughts: Predictions- **NFL:** My Jets will go 10-6 and make the playoffs. New England and San Francisco will meet in the Super Bowl, with Drew Bledsoe taking home his first ring. **Baseball:** The Mets will reach the playoffs before the Yankees. Look for Cleveland and Atlanta in the Fall Classic, and yes, Atlanta and Ted Turner will finally win the World Series.

Continental football returns to winning ways in '94; '95 looms ahead

By Spectator sports staff

Last season the Continentals celebrated their seventh winning season in ten years under Coach Frank after they beat Bates 37-7 to finish at 5-3. The number of underclassmen returning at key positions only fuels optimism for the program's future.

A glimpse of what was ahead in 1994 came in the season-opener at Tufts, where despite the offensive heroics of Dan Deblois '97 and Mike Rahmer '95, Hamilton fell, 35-32. Deblois threw for the second-highest single-game total in school history, 348 yards and three touchdowns. Rahmer scored three touchdowns, but it proved futile as Tufts scored a touchdown late in the game to clinch the victory.

The second week's trip to Wesleyan was a more successful venture for the Continentals. Rahmer caught a 28 yard pass from DeBlois to score the only points for Hamilton as they defeated the Cardinals 6-3. With this win the Continentals proved to themselves that they could come up with a big win.

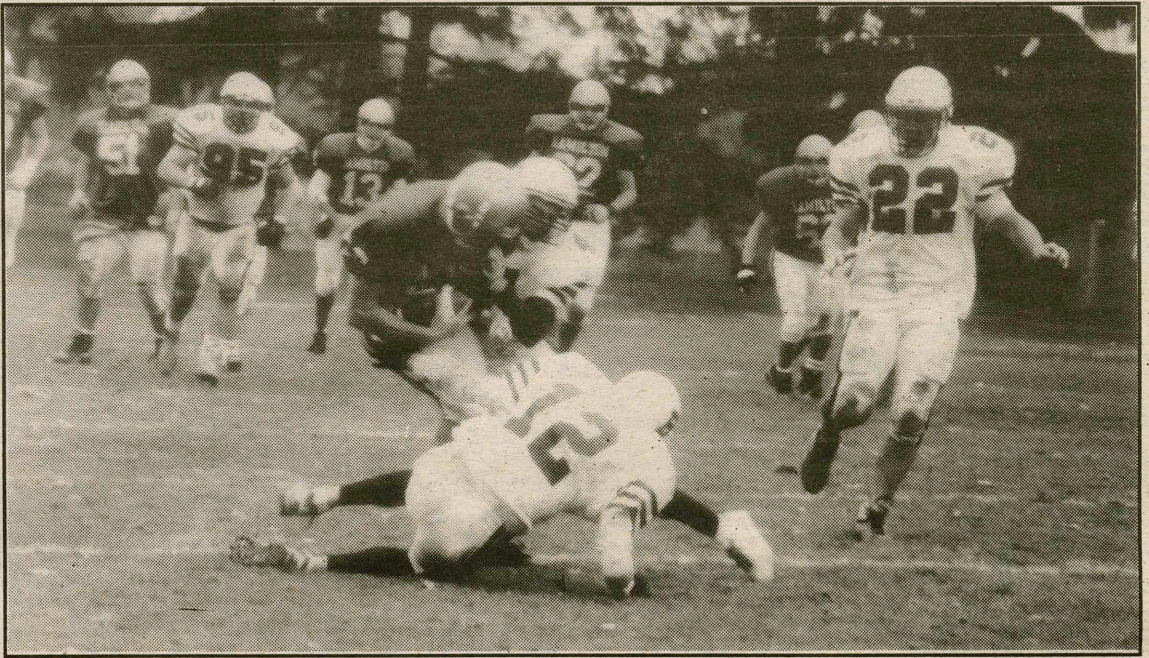
The Trinity Bantams came to Hamilton for parent's weekend and gave Hamilton an exciting game for the sold-out crowd. Hamilton's Dan DeBlois looked like Dan Marino as he set a school record in passing attempts going 33 of 56. He threw the gamewinner to Rob Hatch with a mere 59 seconds left in the game for a close 22-21 victory.

Despite these impressive victories Hamilton still had many rough edges, as they dropped the next two games to Colby and Williams. The Continentals were overmatched in both games as they were outscored 81-22 and showed somewhat of an offensive slump. DeBlois had his worst game of the season, throwing four interceptions and little yardage.

Hamilton finished the season on a positive note with impressive victories over the Middlebury Panthers and the Bates Bobcats, winning 27-21 and 37-7 respectively. All in all, it was a very satisfying year.

DeBlois finished the season with a record of 166 passes in 300 attempts. He finished second in Hamilton's history in total yardage with 1,720 and was NESCAC Player-of-the-Week twice. Rob Hatch caught 29 passes which turned into four touchdowns. Senior linebackers Mark Melnitsky and Ron Martucci combined for 160 tackles and two sacks. Frank Loverro and Mauricio Ramirez combined for 43 tackles and four sacks at one outside linebacker spot.

Hamilton should be a formidable squad again this season. Captains Tom Farren '96 and Jeff Holden '96 will lead other key returnees such as Sean Fisher '96, Matt Roventini '96, Scott Milleisen '97, Ken Sommers '97, and Ron Mammano '97.



The annual Buff and Blue game will take place on Sat. Sept. 9th at 1:30.

Trivia Time

Send entries in Campus Mail to Spectator Sports. The first correct entry received will win a dinner at Rogers Estate.

It's not about winning the prize, it's all about beating Sam Walker!

Last Week: New semester Good luck!!

This Week's Questions:

1. Who is the all-time active save leader in the major leagues?
2. Who was the last shortstop to start for the Baltimore Orioles before Cal Ripken, Jr.?
3. Who was the second leading rusher among rookies in the NFL last season?
4. What NFL expansion team had the most wins in its inaugural season?

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Men's soccer looks to repeat '94 success

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's Soccer Team began their 1994 season with 1-0 defeats to the Union Dutchmen and the Williams Ephmen. Captain Terrance Olcott '95 remarked that, "If our intensity is the same [from these games] against other opponents, we should have ten wins." The Continentals proceeded to win their next ten games and finished the season with an excellent record of 12-4. The record was a vast improvement over the 1993 club which finished 6-5-3.

The Continentals were competitive in every game of the 1994 season. Do not be misled by the four losses. In the season opener against Union, Hamilton controlled the tempo with controlling the ball in the midfield and passing to the corners. The only blemish was an excellent goal by Union Forward Jeremy Liebhoff with 17:30 remaining in the game. The game against Williams was a carbon copy of the Union game with one cross-kick goal by Williams forward John Thompson being the difference. Hamilton succumbed to LeMoyne, 1-0 in overtime, for their third loss of the year.

During their ten game win streak, the Continentals outscored the competition an astonishing 30-6 with five shutouts. The offensive highlight of the season was a 12-2 victory over SUNY-Utica to push their record to 9-2. Another significant victory was a 1-0 shutout over the St. Lawrence Saints who were ranked #22 in Division III soccer.

Although Hamilton fell to Rochester in the second round of the ECAC Upstate NY Tournament 2-1, the Continentals had a season they would long remember. Ke Sagnia '97 led the club with a total of 23 points including nine goals. Baran Tekkora '96 finished second with 17 points (seven goals) and Marc Campbell '96 third with ten points (four goals). Goalie Alex Henning '95 recorded 92 saves in sixteen games for a percentage of .902 and Hamilton outshot the opposition 264-155.

Captains for the 1995 season are seniors Marc Campbell, Kevin McIntyre, and Devin Sullivan. Coach Manfred von Schiller recorded his 200 victory last year and returns for an unprecedented 36th season. Hamilton will face archrival Union in Schenectady on September 13th. Schenectady has been a troublespot for the Continentals (they lost 2-0 to Union in 1993), but optimism is high surrounding this season. Let us wish the Continentals the best of luck for 1995, as they look to match the success of 1994.

Men's soccer hopes to gain an NCAA berth this season.

Men's Soccer September Schedule

Sept. 13	Union	Away	4:00 pm
Sept. 16	Williams	Away	11:30am
Sept. 19	Nazareth	Home	4:00 pm
Sept. 23	Skidmore	Away	1:00 pm
Sept. 26	Utica	Home	4:00 pm
Sept. 30	Elmira	Away	1:00 pm

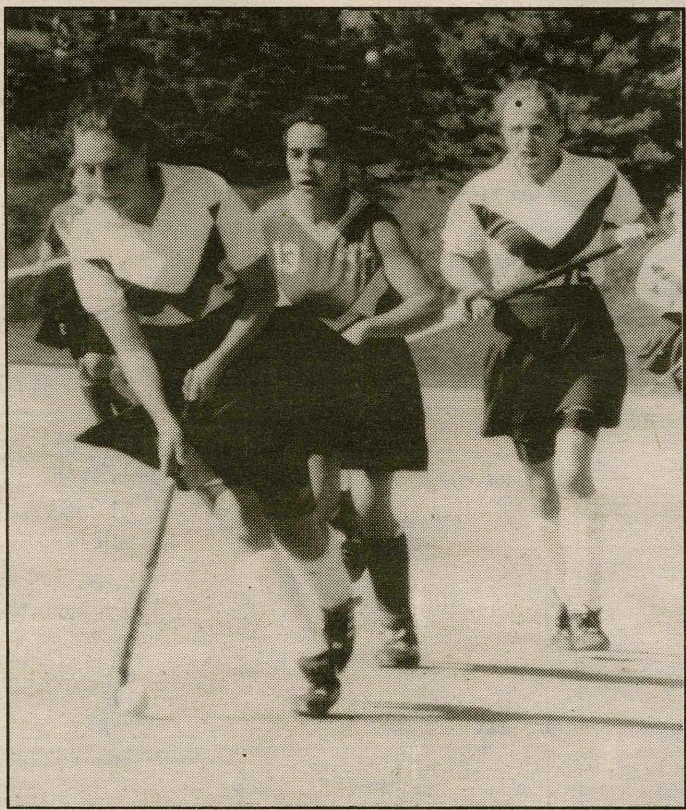
Women's field hockey rebuilding on 5-8 season

BY MEGAN RICH '99
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing end to last season, the women's field hockey team began its preseason practice on August 28th with hope, fortitude and talent. The team this year consists of 32 players who will join the junior varsity and varsity squads. The teams will be lead by tri-captains Karen Werkhoven '96, Stephanie Hedges '96 and Tucker Pierson '97 and by tenth year coach Betsy Bruce. The coach and captains will be aided by assistant coach Liz Brush who is back for her fifth season. Coach Bruce describes her as "someone who is excited about field hockey and whose enthusiasm is contagious." Also helping out this year with the team is Kelly Faucher, an intern, who was an All-American Attack player at Williams College.

The grueling pre-season consists of a run at 7:00 am as well as an afternoon practice, in order to ensure that the players are conditioned for the upcoming season. The practices are also being used to determine which players make varsity and who deserves the coveted title of starter. During practice, Coach Bruce " sees that different players are sparkling", but especially notes Melissa Hyner '97 and Malik Farlow '98 as two hardworking returning varsity goal keepers who are vying for the number one spot. Coach Bruce also singles out Werkhoven as a hard worker who has been the team's leading scorer for two seasons and who is the only remaining player from last year who received all state and all region postseason honors. Coach Bruce also notes Werkhoven's leadership as a key to the success of the team this season.

In addition to the twelve new first years to the squad, the field hockey team also has a new league in which they will be competing in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association. The UCAA consists of eight schools of which seven compete in field hockey. The team's participation in the new conference also means that they will be playing back to back games for the first time. The team's first game will be on Friday September 8th at William Smith and then on the following Saturday morning at the University of Rochester.



The field hockey team will compete in the UCAA.

The Continental's first match will prove to be a tough one because William Smith has a solid team which won the National Championship three years ago. William Smith benefits from the additional practice time. Because of the different league rules William Smith was able to start training in the middle of August whereas Hamilton was not allowed to start practice until either the first day of classes or September 1stt according to NESCAC regulations. Although William Smith's matchup against Hamilton will be their third game of the season, Coach Bruce feels confident that her team will be able to keep up and have a good game against William Smith.

In order to improve on last year's 5-8 record, Coach Bruce feels that the team needs to concentrate on "elevating their whole level of play: sharpen their basic skills, get into better condition, move to the ball more quickly."

Echoing the words of Coach Bruce tri-captain Stephanie Hedges is "looking forward to the season" She believes that field hockey has a fairly strong team with strong returning players and strong players coming up from junior varsity. Hedges states, "The field hockey team looks to be a strong, energetic, goal oriented team which the school should come out and support."

Women's Field Hockey September Schedule

Sept. 8	William Smith	Away	4:00 pm
Sept. 9	Rochester	Away	1:00 pm
Sept.13	Union	Home	4:00 pm
Sept. 17	Vassar	Away	2:00 pm
Sept. 22	Skidmore	Home	3:30 pm
Sept. 23	Rensselaer	Home	12:00 pm
Sept. 28	Oswego	Away	4:00 pm
Sept. 30	Cortland	Home	1:00 pm

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